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OUTLINES.

The situation in Russia appears as grave as ever, the revolutionaries having yesterday issued a manifesto aimed at bankrupting the government; a plot has been discovered to kidnap and carry Witte away; the Manchurian army is in revolt; at Riga yesterday troops killed 12 revolutioners——In the House of Representatives yesterday, Democrats generally opposed Federal control of insurance companies, holding that it violates States' rights; the speeches took a wide range, Sullivan, of Massachusetts, assailing President Roosevelt; the Senate passed the urgency appropriation for the Panama canal——James H. Hyde, the insurance magnate has sold out and will leave New York December 28th to make his home in Paris——Lawyer Andrew Hamilton, who looked after legislation for the insurance companies, has fordwarded from Paris a written statement of his doings——In a head-on collision between two trains near Orlando, Fla., yesterday morning three men were killed and several injured——William R. Hearst's counsel in his contest of the New York election, announces that the Legislature will be asked to pass a bill forcing a recount of the vote——Abbott Davison, of New York, star comedian of the "Nothing But Money" theatrical company, died yesterday at Gaffney City, S. C., where he was the second victim of Hasty the hotel man who instantly killed Milan Bennett, the musical director——At Cheraw, S. C., yesterday, Judge Watts refused the application of an insurance company to have the body of R. Keith Dargan exhumed——From Albany, Ga., comes news of the discovery at sea of the body of a man who was drowned in a Georgia river six months ago——New York markets: Money on call steady, no loans; spot cotton quiet at 12.20; flour dull; wheat easy, No. 2 red, 92 1-2 elevator, 94 5-8 f. o. b. afloat; corn steady, No. 2 old, 58 elevator, 51 1-2 f. o. b. afloat; oats steady, mixed, 37 to 37 1-2; turpentine quiet at 67 1-2 to 68; rosin steady, strained common to good, 3.40 to 3.45.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. Department of Agriculture
Weather Bureau.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 16, 1905.

Meterological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M., Saturday, Dec. 16th.

Temperature at 8 A. M., 35 degrees, 8 P. M., 36 degrees; Maximum, 37 degress; Minimum, 35 degrees; mean, 36 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, trace; rainfall since 1st of month to date, 3.42.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M., Friday, 7.6 feet.

Weather Forecast.

For North Carolina: Fair Sunday; Monday fair, warmer fresh northeast to southeast winds.

PORT ALMANAC—Dec. 17.

Sun Rises ..... 7:04 A. M.
Sun Sets ..... 4:47 P. M.
Day's Length ..... 9 hrs. 47 min.
High Water at Southport ..11:21 A. M.
High Water at Wilmington .1:51 P. M.

Congress wants to investigate the Departments Who will investigate Congress?

At a distance Russia's brand of autocracy looks better than its sample of anarchy.

It takes no weather bureau forecaster to predict that women will continue to reign during the coming new year.

"What is this Congress going to do anyhow?" asks an esteemed contemporary. Looks like it will do the people if it passes that ship subsidy bill.

Senator Spooner had an up hill job when he was wrestling with Tillman's logic about the President's responsibility for sending American customs collectors to Santo Domingo.

The cablegrams tell us that "the Czar is standing firmly by Count Witte." He knows that is the best position to be in, for when Witte sees that it is time to run the Czar can go with him.

That was an excellent address which Mr. D. A. Tompkins, of Charlotte, made to the Industrial Club at Raleigh. He is a man who thinks and utters practical words. Likewise, he is a man who does things.

A Pittsburg girl was offered a legacy of $100,000 if she would not marry a working man, but she took the man instead. Some people might exclaim "Foolish girl!" but hold. The man was a plumber.

The New York Journal of Commerce in an editorial warns cotton growers that by "their selfish desire to keep up prices they may break down prosperity." Looks like the real danger is from the crowd that selfishly keeps prices down to a point that makes prosperity one sided.

...AL DOTS.

—On account of the holidays the Piano Club will not meet Monday night as usual.

—Rev. F. A. ... will preach at Market Street ... day at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.

—The Mayor's court yesterday was not interesting. Three or four defendants for fast driving around corners were let off with the coasts.

—John Pigford wants this correction made: He was charged with gambling instead of larceny in the police court a few days ago, as was stated.

—A chimney burning out at St. John's Episcopal church at 12:50 o'clock yesterday called the department out in response to an alarm from box 26. There was no damage.

—The Revised Statutes of North Carolina, in effect since the first of July require that each notary public in signing his name to a document, place after his name the date when his commission expires.

—Bishop Strange left yesterday to fill an appointment in the diocese, but expects to return to-morrow. On Sunday before Christmas Day he will preach in Saint James', in this city, and will be heard with much pleasure on that occasion.

—The funeral of the late Mrs. Sarah Amanda Mason, who died suddenly on Middle Sound Friday, will be conducted at 2 o'clock this afternoon from Prospect church, on Middle Sound. The interment will be in the family burying ground.

—The Lumberton Sanitarium (incorporated) was chartered in Raleigh Friday. The total amount of authorized capital stock is $25,000, with $3,000 subscribed. The incorporators are: N. A. Thompson, R. G. Rozier and R. C. Lawrence, of Lumberton.

—Rev. J. A. McKaughan will speak at the men's meeting at the Y. M. C. A. this afternoon at 5 o'clock. Dr. W. C. Galloway will speak to the boys at their meeting this morning. A feature of the latter meeting will be a trombone solo by Mr. Robert H. Morris.

—Mr. Charley C. Loughlin, a popular Wilmington boy who is now pursuing his studies in law at the University, is at home for the Christmas holidays. He was accompanied by Mr. Joe B. Ruark, also a law student at the University, who went through to his home in Southport.

—Mr. C. E. McCullen has retired from the editorship of the Pender Chronicle. Mr. B. F. Long and Rev. W. F. Sanford, both practical newspaper men, will edit the paper, and M A. B. Croom, Jr., will continue as business manager. Pender is making splendid progress and the Chronicle is a leading factor in that progress.

—Pender Chronicle: "The holly business is about over and the buyers have departed. It is simply astonishing to know the large quantity that this business has turned loose several thousands of dollars in this section. She kept them all hustling from before day until after dark and in this respect, resembled strawberry time, the holly business being more strenuous, if anything."

Young Men's Sunday.

Yesterday afternoon's Fayetteville Observer: "On to-morrow services in the interest of Y. M. C. A. work will be held as follows: Mr. Chas. Dushan, of Wilmington, will lecture in the Methodist church at 11 o'clock services; Mr. A. C. Bridgeman, at the Baptist church, and Mr. Huntington, at the Presbyterian church. A meeting for men will be held in the armory at 3:30 in the afternoon. There will be a union meeting in the Presbyterian church at 7:30 in the evening."

Received 51 Replies.

An advertiser in the Business Locals department of the Star, signing "D. C.," had received 51 replies to the same up to last night and at that hour not "all the precincts had been heard from." While many of the replies came from the city, not a few of them were from out-of-town, covering a wide territory inhabited by the most prosperous people on earth. The moral is plain. "It pays to advertise;" if the advertisement is in The Morning Star.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

W. B. Cooper—Salt.
I. Shrier—Cut Prices.
Geo. O. Gaylord—Toys.
People's Supply Co.—Oil.
Southern Electric Co.—Fixtures.
J. W. Plummer, Jr.—Christmas.
Wilmington Furniture Co.—Special.
C. W. Yates & Co.—Holiday Presents.
N. Jacobi Hdw. Co.—Useful Presents.
F. E. Hashagen Co.—White Knight Cigars.
J. W. Murchison & Co.—Safety Razors.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Light Lunches—The Oasis.
The Oasis—Choice Fruits.
For Rent—Furnished Rooms.
Druggist—Business for Sale.
The Oasis—Repetti's Candies.
John H. Whiteman— For Sale.
The Oasis—Refreshing Retreat.
Carolina—Correspondent Wanted.
Geo. G. Clows—Lady or Gentleman.
Manager—Responsible Man Wanted.
M. C. Darby & Co.—Houses for Sale.
Yates' Book Store—Reminiscences of Wilmington.

Special to the Ladies.

We are offering the most complete line of smoking sets, pipes, cigar and cigarette holders and cases. Holiday boxes of cigars (12, 25, 50 and 100 to the box) and smoking tobaccos ever shown in Wilmington. You are cordially invited to call at our store and inspect our stock and we will be pleased to suggest a most suitable gift for Father, Husband, Brother or Friend. J. D. Vann, 10 North Front street. **

WATER WORKS SITE

Purchase of Greenfield Mill Pond Is Encompassed By Many Complications

COMMISSION MET YESTERDAY

Close Deal With Mr. Turlington, Subject to Title—Statement from the Company—Contingencies That Are Likely to Arise.

The municipal water works proposition, at least so far as it is concerned with the purchase of the Greenfield mill pond site, is still in abeyance. The option on the property expired last midnight and Mr. W. H. Turlington, from whom the city proposes to buy, was informed during the afternoon by Chairman Johnson, of the Water Commission, that the city would close the trade. Whether that will be accepted by Mr. Turlington as a final conclusion of the matter is not known as there arose some dispute as to the length of time to be allowed for searching the title, Mr. Turlington holding that three days would be sufficient and the city authorities contending that much more than that time would be required. Chairman Johnson said after the conference with Mr. Turlington that the deal had been closed and intimated that everything would be all right Monday with reference to the matter of the length of time to be allowed for passing upon the title.

It appears there are yet many complications to overcome. The city was empowered to purchase subject to title, survey and power of the city to buy, neither of which conditions has yet been met. As to the power of the city to buy, the action is in direct violence of the opinion of the City Attorney, who can find no authority by which the city can hold property outside the corporate limits. Mr. Iredell Meares, however, is quoted as having given an off-hand opinion that the property can be purchased, relying on the Supreme Court decision that water works are a necessary expense, and may be established by municipalities and bonds issued in payment thereof, regardless of elections by the people. The principle is regarded so broad that the position is taken that the city can by implication own property anywhere to provide public utilities for its people. A majority of other attorneys, however, take the contrary view and say that special legislation is required.

Another point is made that in concurring in the action of the Board of Aldermen as to the purchase, the Board of Audit and Finance did not pass upon the resolution of the first named Board, authorizing a loan of the money with which to pay for the property, and that no action can be taken toward paying over the money until the financial part of the transaction is properly passed upon.

The action of Mr. Johnson in closing the deal with Mr. Turlington followed a meeting of the Water Commission at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon in the office of the president of the Southern National Bank. Those present were Mr. M. J. Hyer, Mr. H. C. McQueen, chairman of the Board of Audit and Finance, and Aldermen E. F. Johnson, J. O. Brown and R. W. Price. The city attorney, Marsden Bellamy, Jr., Esq., was also in attendance and reiterated his opinion that the city has no power to purchase outside the limits, not even as a park, the park proposition having first to be passed upon by an election of the people. It was suggested, however, that a citizen could purchase the property and hold it in trust for the city until the special legislation necessary is secured. The Commission recommended the purchase of the property and Chairman Johnson later had a conference with Mr. Turlington in the office of the City Attorney and informed him that the city would close the trade.

Herbert McClammy, Esq., has been retained by Mr. Davis, an heir of the late Aaron Davis, who is employed by the Standard Oil Company and lays claim to 200 acres of the water sheet. Mr. Davis has instructed his counsel to see that none of the water is drawn off his property by the city on anyone else until he is reckoned with. This with other complications make quite a complex state of affairs, the outcome of which will be watched with interest.

Statement From Company.

The Star publishes by request the following statement from the Clarendon Water Works Company:

To the Citizens, Tax Payers and Residents of Wilmington:

The officers and stockholders of the Clarendon Water Works Company, practically all of whom are citizens and tax-payers of this city, deem it proper, owing to the present agitation over the water works question to make the following statement:

When the City of Wilmington gave inducement to the stockholders of this company to invest their money in this enterprise, the city's credit was low, the civic conditions odious, decay and rust evident everywhere; the city, with little or no fire protection, except the old fashion cistern supply, was in constant danger of destruction by fire, a menace plainly evidenced by the numerous conflagrations in the past.

It was at this time that a few public spirited citizens, nearly all of whom passed away without receiving one dollar from their investment, proposed to erect for this city a system of water works.

The contract was made in absolute good faith by both the city and the company, each expecting the other to act in the same good faith in the future.

Previous to the erection of the plant, every source of water supply in this city and its vicinity, was thoroughly investigated, including the river and Greenfield pond. The investigation was directed and made by Prof. Nichols, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the foremost sanitary expert of his day, whose works are still recognized as authority upon this and kindred subjects.

According to the view then had, and still maintained, that running water purifies itself, water at rest becomes stagnant; and the fact that Grenfield pond would furnish only a limited quantity, liable to contamination from polluted streams and drainage flowing into it as a pond, the river was unhesitatingly selected by Prof. Nichols, as the most copious supply, for all time, of wholesome water.

All of our people knew when the contract with the city was made, that the water unfortunately was not white, but it being the best available water, according to highest authorities, it was accepted. The Legislature for years has required a sample from each water-supply throughout the State, sent to the State laboratory for inspection and analysis, and despite the color and sediment of our water, the sanitary quality has always been found good. These analyses are open at all times to the inspection of citizens interested.

The city seemed to be proud of the fact that it had secured water works, when the industrial and political conditions were so repelling to every form of investment. But a few years passed, and a very natural desire arose from the people for an artesian water supply. The company always desiring to improve its system and heed the popular desire, with little means at its command, considered the idea. They consulted Prof. Holmes, the State geologist, of our own university, and being advised that good water could thus be procured, the company at great expense, sunk a well over a quarter of a mile deep—the deepest well in North Carolina—but to the astonishment of every one, geologists and laymen, salt water only was obtained. Other deep wells were sunk to strike, if possible, fresh water veins, but with the same result, and many thousands of dollars were thus spent for holes in the ground, and expensive law suits, still pending in the courts. Other wells were tried under different conditions, but without success.

The Company still realizing that the desire of our people for a white water was natural, and earnestly trying to meet that demand, recently procured the services of Mr. George C. Whipple, one of America's foremost sanitary engineers, who visited this locality, and made a most thorough investigation of the topograph of the country, the water supplies, and the situation of the city, and he decided that Wilmington's best, safest, and most unlimited supply, was the Cape Fear river, with its rapidly purifying current, clearly filtered.

In accordance with the report of this eminent specialist, a contract for the most modern, up-to-date filter plant was made.

The report of Mr. Whipple, the plans for the filter plant, and samples of filtered water, will be gladly shown at our office to any citizen interested.

We believe that this plant which we have already contracted for, will give our citizens a clean, clear, wholesome and inexhaustible supply of water. And it would be most unfortunate, not to say unwise, to have two water plants in our city. Besides, the erection of another plant, would not only entail a very great outlay in money from our city treasury, now not too plethoric, but would necessitate a general excavation of the whole town, the tearing up of our highly improved paved streets, so recently laid, and the virtual destruction of the macadam roads which the city has a struggled so long to secure.

There is not one person, be he stockholder, officer or employe of this company, who does not take a just pride in the advancement of our city, and who does not fully respect the feelings of our citizens in this matter, and who is not even anxious to yield to this popular desire for clear, clean water, and we assure them that the filtration plant will be installed at once, effectively securing it.

This investment was made in the gloomiest and most depressing financial period of the city's history, with nothing but faith in the city's future to encourage us. With only a few years left of the contract, and a slight opportunity to participate in the present growth and prosperity of our city, are we to be struck down without consideration for our property and investment, without even consultation or conference, and be practically ruined?

We believe that the conservatism and justice which has ever actuated the people of Wilmington will not permit it. Their inherent spirit of fairness opposes injustice, and invites honest effort. Upon that spirit we rely, having good faith that such reliance will not be in vain.

Respectfully,
THE CLARENDON WATER WORKS COMPANY.

FIREMEN IN A FIGHT.

Engaged in an Affray While Responding to Alarm Yesterday.

Firemen C. H. Tatum and G. G. Smith were each bound over to Superior Court by Justice Bornemann yesterday on charges of an assault with a deadly weapon. The firemen are at the Fourth Street bridge station and while responding to the alarm of fire at St. John's church early yesterday afternoon engaged in a fight. Fireman Smith is the driver of the hose wagon and as the apparatus dashed down the street, the horses became unmanageable. Driver Smith charged Fireman Tatum with having been derelict in his duty by not putting the bits in the horses' mouth as the harness was dropped on them when the alarm came in. Hot words ensued, leading to blows, the weapon used having ben the whip on the wagon. Deputy Sheriff J. W. Smith happened to be on the scene and arrested both men. It was singular that the driver was a brother of the deputy sheriff, but as an officer of the law, he could not hold back on that account. Each of the young men was recognized under bond of $50 to appear at the higher court.

Handle Christmas Business.

In order to properly handle the rush of holiday shipments, the Southern Express Comapny has opened a branch office until after Christmas on Dock street, between Front and Second, next to the store of M. C. Benson. The Christmas rush is already on and the Express people are as busy as bees.

6 lbs Fruit Cake for $1.00 at Farriss', 109 South Front. **

ARRANGEMENT UPSET

Ruling by Feneral Judge Purnell Nullifies City Rock Quarry Sentences

PRISONERS ALL RECALLED

Strict Construction Placed on United States Supreme Court Decision Confines Terms to Exclusive Public Works.

The arrangement recently made by the Mayor with Mr. C. H. Dock, the contractor, by which prisoners fined in the municipal court and unable to pay their fines, would be worked at the city rock quarry, thus enabling the municipality to receive some return for the cost of the administration of justice, instead of sending them to the county rock qaurry at Castle Haynes and receiving no return whatever, is nullified by Federal Judge Purnell's recent ruling in the United States Court at Raleigh, upon the question of peonage.

A gist of the opinion was recently printed in this paper, the especial application being to the landlord and tenant act, passed by the last Legislataure. However, according to the ruling of Judge Purnell and the 197th U. S. Supreme Court reports, quoted in connection therewith, it was ascertained that the arrangement with Mr. Dock would not stand the strict construction placed upon the law and Mayor Waddell at once revoked the contract with Mr. Dock. Seven prisoners who had been sent to the quarry under the arrangement entered into were brought back to the city prison yesterday afternoon and the Mayor will otherwise dispose of the cases on Monday.

The action of the Mayor was fully warranted under a special act of the Legislature passed some time ago, but his attention having been directed to the ruling of Judge Purnell and having no wish to antagonize the United States Court, the Mayor immediately took steps to conform to the ruling of Judge Purnell.

If the quarry were a city institution instead of being only operated for the city by a contractor, the arrangement would not be in conflict with the authority cited, but otherwise the doubt is sufficient to deter the city authorities from proceeding with the arrangement, however desirable it may be.

In the future when defendants are unable to pay, or it is deemed expedient, they will be sent to the public work at Castle Haynes as heretofore.

The ruling of Judge Purnell will also affect Superior Court judges in that their sentences in the future will have to be confined to servitude on some public work instead of hiring out to individuals to pay costs as has been the common practice heretofore.

The up-setting of the arrangements as to working the city prisoners is a great disappointment to the administration, but under the circumstances there was nothing else to do.

HAULED THE COAL OFF.

Cart Driver, Who Flim-Flammed The Orton, Jailed Yesterday.

John Murphy, colored, driver of a cart for the Springer Coal Company, was placed in jail yesterday afternoon by Constable Savage on a warrant from Justice Furlong's court, charging him in two counts with larceny. Thursday Murphy was sent with a load of coal to be delivered to The Orton Hotel. He managed by impersonating another driver to get a receipt for the coal, but instead of delivering it, he drove off and sold it elsewhere. He was not prosecuted for the first offence on the excuse given, but when he did the same trick again yesterday, he was indicted for the offence.

The case will be heard in Justice Furlong's court to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock. Murphy formerly drayed for Mr. Joseph H. Watters and also for Roger Moore's Sons & Co. Crooked work in the employ of each of those named lost him his job and now he is "up against it" again.

Locates in Wilmington.

Chadbourn Trucker: "We regret being called to note the departure of Dr. J. W. Stanley for Wilmington, where he goes to locate. Dr. Stanley has been a resident of Chadbourn since his graduation from the Atlanta College, a Dental Surgeon in 1903 and during those three years by his professional skill, fair dealing and courteous manner has built for himself an enviable practice and made for himself many friends. He will be missed not only in professional but also in social and religious circles in both of which he was an earnest worker. While we sincerely regret his departure we just as, sincerely wish him abundant success in his new location."

Liquor License Applications.

The special committee appointed by the Board of Aldermen to canvass the signatures on applications for license to retail liquor, so as to relieve the full Board of those details, will meet to morrow or Tuesday night. As soon after that date as possible, the Board will be called together to pass upon the applications before the first regular meeting in January as all the present licenses expire on the first day of the month and the date for the regular meeting does not come until the night of the first.

Fire Works at cost at Farriss', 109 South Front. **

Bananas, Oranges, Apples, Grapes, Nuts, Rasins, Figs, Dates and Shelled Nuts at Farriss', 109 South Front. **

6 lbs. Sally White Cake for $1.00 at Farriss', 109 South Front. **

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. W. H. Duncan, of Fayetteville, is registered at The Orton.

—Mr. F. B. Gault, of Lake Waccamaw, was among last night's arrivals.

—Mr. A. S. Wightman has returned to Fayetteville after a business trip to the city.

—H. E. Macmurphy, of Charleston, is at The Orton.

—Mr. J. W. Ferguson, of Charlotte, is a guest at The Orton.

—Geo. B. Aiken and wife, of Baltimore, are at The Orton.

—Mr. J. W. S. Robinson, of Delta, Sampson county, is in the city on a business trip.

—Mr. J. W. Ward, Sr., representing Julius Kestler & Co., of Cincinnati, is in the city calling on the trade.

—Mr. Louis T. Moore, of the Law Class at the University, was expected home last night to spend the holidays.

—Mrs. Clayton Giles, Mrs. G. G. Thomas and Miss Lucile Murchison returned yesterday morning from a visit to New York.

—Col. A. C. Davis, of Goldsboro; H. L. Lyon and J. B. Schulken, Esqs., of Whiteville, are in the city on professional business.

—Mr. C. N. Wire, of Philadelphia was here yesterday and left during the day for Southport to look after his railroad interests there.

—Miss Lillie Keathley, who has been here on a visit to her mother, Mrs. M. E. Keathley, left last evening for Greensboro where she will visit friends. From that city she will go to Washington to resume her position in the War Department.

NEW REAL ESTATE AGENCY.

D. R. Foster & Company Begin Business on January 1st.

One of Wilmington's newest enterprises, to be launched the first of the new year, is a real estate and collection agency to be established by D. R. Foster & Company, a new firm composed of those two clever young men, Messrs D. R. Foster and W. L. Burkheimer, both of wide experience and splendid business ability. Offices for the new firm have been secured at No. 211 Princess street, the rooms in the old Court House building, formerly occupied by the New Home Sewing Machine Company. The offices will be handsomely fitted up and made up-to-date in every respect. The new agency will buy and sell property, rent same and do a general collection business.

Mr. Foster is a large real estate holder himself and has had much experience in handling the same. Mr. Burkheimer has had years of practical experience with a number of the best known real estate firms in the city and knows how to carry on the business. The new firm promises well from the start.

LUMBER PLANT BURNED.

Richardson Company's Mill at Bucksport Destroyed by Fire.

(Special to The State.)

Conway, Dec. 15.—At about 8 o'clock last night a telephone message was received here stating that the entire plant of the Richardson Cypress Lumber and Shingle Company of Bucksport was totally destroyed by fire. Fortunately, however, it was raining and none of the lumber or shingles on the yard were burned.

The Richardson Cypress Lumber and Shingle Company is one of the largest lumber and shingle plants in this county. It is located at Bucksport, on the Waccamaw river, about 10 miles from here. The company owns large timber holdings in the county.

Mr. D. V. Richardson, the general manager of the company, owns a fine residence near the mill, and it was doubtless due to the rain that it was save from the consuming flames.

The loss is about $12,000 or $15,000, partly covered by insurance.

Reminiscent Sketches.

The Star has received with the compliments of the author, Dr. Walter Gilman Curtis, a copy of "Reminiscences of Wilmington and Smithville," covering the interesting period of lower Cape Fear history from 1848 to 1900. Dr. Curtis was for 30 years State quarantine surgeon for the port of Wilmington and is eminently qualified to write of the times covered by the scope of his reminiscences. Copies of the sketches may be found at Yates Book Store; price 50 cents.

Pleasure Yachts Proceed.

The pleasure yachts Inia and Roxanna, which came in for coal and provisions and reported to the Rudder station Friday, proceeded yesterday to Southport and will go to sea as soon as the weather is favorable. Capt. Rutherford and wife, of the Roxanna, left their yacht here and went to New York by rail to spend the holidays. They will later join their pleasure boat in Florida.

Carolina Savings & Trust.

The handsome new fixtures of the Carolina Savings and Trust Company have been installed and Cashier Holmes Davis now has one of the prettiest little banks in the State. Handsome brass signs have been placed on each corner of the doorway, leading from Front street, and the bank presents an up-to-date appearance in every way.

25, 35, 40 and 50c. Xmas Cakes; Walnut, Chocolate, Lemon and Vanilla at Farriss'. **

TO-DAY'S PAPER.

Social—Third Page.
State News—Seventh Page.
Local News—First Page.
Miscellany—Sixth Page.
Commercial—Second Page.
Church Notices—Seventh Page.
Telegraph News—Eighth Page.
Business Locals—Second Page.
The Theatre—Fifth Page.
Industrial—Fourth Page.

Cut Prices at I. Shrier's for the Holidays.

MEN'S SACK SUITS.
in single and double breasted styles of latest design, handsomely tailored, made of stylish Worsted and Cheviots. Regular $12.50 and $20.00 Values; Cut Price $9.50 and $16.

MEN'S TROUSERS.
in the famous Dutchess and Nufangl makes. Regular $3.00 and $5.00 Values; Cut Prices $2.25 and $4.00.

BOYS' SUITS.
stout-wearing, double-breasted Jacket and Pants Suits. All new desirable patterns, sizes 8 to 17 years. Regular $3.50 and $5.00 Values; Cut Prices $2.50 and $4.00.

Children's Auto or Russian Coats (belt black); sizes 3 to 8 years; Made with double row brass buttons, and embroidered sleeves; Regular $3.00 and $5.00 Values; Cut Price $2.00 and $4.00.

I. SHRIER,
The Reliable Clothier and Furnisher,
(Sign of the Golden Arm.)
N. E. CORNER FRONT AND PRINCESS STREETS.

SPECIAL
Hall Rack Sale!
TUESDAY, DEC. 19.

We will devote the front half of our first floor, No. 111 ... ket Street to showing 44 Styles of HALL RACKS, ra... in price from $5.50 to $50.00.

We have 68 RACKS—actual count—now in stock. ... Rack will be marked in plain figures. If you buy d... this sale you will save money.

You should avail yourself of this opportunity of seeing the largest display of RACKS ever made in Wilmington.

We have just received aline of nice CARRIAGES and GO-CARTS.

Wilmington Furniture Co.
SUCCESSOR TO W. T. MERCED & CO.
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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

GILLETT SAFETY RAZORS.
CUT YOUR BEARD ONLY.

Ball-Bearing Roller Skates $2.50
Single and Double Guns. Rifles Leggings, Hunting Coats and Vests.

U. M. C. and WINCHESTER AMMUNITION.
Pocket Knives, Scissors and Razors. Table Knives and Forks in Ivory. Carving Sets and Steels.

ROCHESTER CHAFING DISHES.
With book of suggestion on Chafing Dish dainties. We have a good stock of above for HOLIDAY TRADE.

CALL-AT-OUR-STORE FOR PRICES.
We give Southern Trading Stamps with cash purchases.

J. W. Murchison & Co.
Orton Building.
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Rockefeller Oil!

Do we credit Mr Rockefeller for oil?

No Sir!

Never!

Treat all alike.

Peoples' Supply Co
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WILMINGTON, N. C.

Sunday Morning, December 17.

THE REPUBLICAN FACTIONS.

The warring Republican factions from North Carolina aired their troubles in Washington on Thursday. Dispatches from Washington say "the differences between the Blackburn and Rollins factions reached the accute stage of warfare." A delegation of twenty or more of Congressman Blackburn's adherents called upon President Roosevelt and he sent them over to also tell their troubles to Secretary Taft and Postmaster General Cortelyou. The delegation included some pretty strong men, among whom were Judge H. G. Ewart, of Asheville, Mr. C. J. Harris, Republican nominee for governor in the last election, Major H. L. Grant, of Goldsboro, Editor G. Sam Bradshaw, of the Greensboro Weekly Tar Heel, W. S. Pearson, of Morganton, former Congressman W. H. Bower, and others. Mr. W. A. Hilderband, Washington correspondent of the Charlotte Observer, sent his paper this account of their visit to President Roosevelt:

"Through their several spokesmen, Messrs. Blackburn, Ewart, Bradshaw and others, these gentlemen protested against the existing order of things. The three conferences resolved themselves largely into an anti-Butler demonstration and protest was made against the continued existence of what was alluded to as an 'office brokerage trust, whose chief end in life is to keep a long line of kinsmen of the State chairman in Federal berths.'

"The result of the White House conference, which lasted perhaps half an hour, was that the President gave assurance that he would appoint Mr. Blackburn's man as marshal within sixty days, without reference to the probable continuance of the case at Greensboro, in which Mr. Wagoner's brother-in-law is involved as one of the indicted revenue officers. It was also said that the President had promised to turn an attentive ear to the Congressman from the Eighth in other matters outside of his district.

"Perhaps the most important development of the day was the act of President Roosevelt in letting down the bars for further activity on the part of opponents of the organization. He told Mr. Blackburn to lay before him in writing causes of his complaint and this will be done. It was at the suggestion of the President that the delegation then called upon National Chairman Cortelyou.

"After the series of conferences, the clans gathered at the Hotel Cochran, where Congressman Blackburn was asked for an official expression regarding the day's developments. This statement given out by Mr. Blackburn, discloses much bitterness towards Chairman Rollins and indicates that the Congressman is looking for more trouble by seeking to air the circumstances under which he entered upon an agreement to control the marshalship."

After the conferences, Congressman Blackburn gave out an interview in which he spoke with a good deal of bitterness concerning the Republican differences in the State. Among other things he said of Republican State Chairman Rollins:

"To return to the subject of the marshalship. I simply desire to say that Mr. Rollins either hasn't any memory, or is a very willing falsifier. I have in my possession the statement which was signed by him in June last, whereby I was to name the marshal and if he questions one word of this statement I will give it to the press. The time for juggling and double-dealing in politics is past and, so far as I am concerned, the people of the State shall know the truth. The man who occupies the position of chairman of a great party of a State, who so far forgets himself as to make a false or misleading statement to the press, is not entitled to the confidence of any part of the population. These dierences might as well be settled and the sooner the better."

Mr. Blackburn must have shown that agreement to President Roosevelt, as we should infer from his agreement to appoint Blackburn's man. However, here is the other side of it, sent from Washington to the Daily Industrial News, of Grensboro, which is on the Rollins-Butler side of the fight:

"President Roosevelt made it plain to the delegation of Blackburn Republicans from North Carolina who called on him to-day that he wants harmony in the party in that State. His callers were more inclined to talk about patronage than any other subject, and the thought uppermost in their minds was made clearly apparent by their actions and line of talk. Harmony was the one thing they did not want to discuss, but they got the suggestion not only at the White House but at the Postoffice Department, where a ten-minute conference was held with Postmaster-General Cortelyou. The administration and the State organization want harmony in the Republican party in North Carolina, and it is up to Mr. Blackburn and his supporters to say whether harmony shall prevail."

Of course the whole rumpus is over patronage. If there wasn't any "pie" in it, there wouldn't be any row.

UNIVERSAL PEACE.

Elder P. D. Gold, of Wilson, a Primitive Baptist minister, contributed the following signed article to the Wilson Times, of Friday:

"There is an expectation in the minds of some that the world is nearing a state of final peace. This is not at present warranted by the outlook.

"The foundation on which such peace must rest, or the source whence it must flow is righteousness. When men learn war no more shall be after the principle of love and good will shall control them—when men shall do to others as they would have others do to them.

"Do we find this in ourselves or see it in others? The present slaughter of mankind in Russia exhibits as much brutality and ferocity as we read of in the dark ages of the world. The wars of modern times are as cruel as they were of old. The hate and bitterness among mankind shown in the array of one class against another is as fierce and cruel as ever.

"There is a flourish of trumpets and good will to men, but it often ends in professions and mere promises. In politics there is as much of self in its cunning and deceitful arts practiced now as of old. So that we still must own that man is corrupt and his claims to great progress in sanctity have not been proven."

There are nuggets of wisdom in what Elder Gold says. When we read of the horrible state of affairs in Russia where even women and children are slain we wonder what advantage the white man's so-called civilization has over that of the wild tribes of Africa. Even revelations in our own country cause us to doubt whether we are as civilized as we imagine. The preceepts and practices of the great teacher whose birthday is to be celebrated December 25th are not generally followed.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—Frying the fat out of corporations is a reputable business in New York, it seems, for the politicians who get the money, but not for the corporation officials who exude it.—Baltimore Sun.

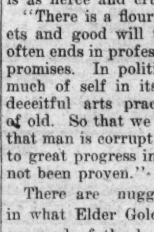
—The farmer who can read Secretary Wilson's glowing and auroral report without feeling all-fired rich and prosperous may be set down as an incurable and unimaginative pessimist.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

—Lee county, Texas, boasts a citizen who, at the age of sixty-two, is the father of thirty-one children—one for each two years of his life. He has been married three times. His first wife bore him seven children, his second twelve and his third twelve. His name is Dismuke, and he deserves a letter from President Roosevelt.—Savannah News.

—While the old leadership handed down from father to son has dictated the policy of the Republican party in this State and formed a family trust of office-holders that has waxed fat off the proceeds of lucrative "pie" for the past eight years, the end of trading in offices is in sight, for the rank and file of the party have made up their minds to take the reins in their own hands and repudiate Butlerism and bossism. No matter what course the President may pursue in the appointment of the Federal offices in this State, the people, when their next State convention meets, will recognize and name leaders that can be trusted to do the will of the masses who elevate them to responsible positions, for they cannot and will not follow the leadership of Marion Butler or Thomas Rollins, for both of them have been tried and found wanting.—Mount Airy Leader (Rep.)

ANY FOOL

Knows enough to carry an umbrella when it rains, but the wise one is he who carries one when it is only cloudy.



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TWINKLINGS.

—"Has he taken up automobiling as a fad?" "No; as a frenzy."—Chicago Journal.

—"The ring of sincerity was in his voice when he told me of his love." "It should have been in his hand. A ring in the hand is worth two in the voice."—Houston Post.

"How did her father treat you?" "Quite warmly. He invited me out." "Indeed!" "Yes. He said: "Come outside where there'll be no danger of smashing the furniture."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

—"Can't see why you're so smitten with her." "Why, because she's so deucedly pretty." "Beauty's only skin deep." "Well, great Scott! I'm no cannibal. That's deep enough for me."—Clevedand Leader.

—Mrs. Underdone—My husband is complaining again of your cooking, Mary. Mary (reassuringly)—Oh, mum, I don't take any notice of him, for 'tis the nature of him to find fault. Ain't he forever complainin' of you, mum?—Life.

—"Your Honor, it's impossible that my automobile was running forty miles an hour at the time the officer speaks of. It hasn't power enough to go that fast." "All right, then—$10 fine for obstructing the public highway."—New York Times.

—"Now, Willie, said the boy's mother, "before you go to sleep you must try and recall any little sin you committed during the day and be truly sorry for it." "Yes, ma'am," replied Willie. "I guess I was guilty of usury, for one thing." "Usury?" "Yes'm; I found a nickel and used it."—Philadelphia Press.

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

(Quoted officially at the closing by the Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, DEC. 16, 1905.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market firm at 64c bid.

ROSIN—Market firm, $3.15 bid.

TAR—Market firm at $1.80 per barrel of 280 pounds.

CRUDE TURPENTINE — Market firm at $2.75 barrel for hard; $4.25 for dip and $4.25 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine, steady, 47 1-4; rosin firm, $2.40; tar firm at $1.60; crude turpentine firm at $2,30, $3.60.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	24
Rosin	78
Tar	182
Crude	83

Receipts same day last year—2 casks spirits turpentine, 13 barrels rosin, 99 barrels tar; 45 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market—Steady, 11 3-8.

Same day last year—Nominal.

Receipts—827 bales; same day last year, 744 bales.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

(Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants, prices representing those paid for produce consigned to Commission Merchants.)

PEANUTS—North Carolina, (new) Prime, 80c.; extra prime 85c.; fancy 90c., per bushel of twenty-eight pounds. Virginia—Prime, 55c.; extra prime, 60c.; fancy, 66c.; Spanish (new), 85@90c.

CORN—Firm; 70@75c. per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady, hams, 15 to 16c. per pound; shoulders, 11 to 12; sides dull, 11 to 12.

EGGS—Firm, 27 to 28c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Dull, Springs, 15c. to 22c.; Grown, 25 to 30.

BEESWAX—Firm, at 26@27c.

TALLOW—Firm at 4 1-2@5c. per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Firm at 50c @55c. per bushel.

BEEF CATTLE—Dull at 2 to 3 1-2c. pound.

TURKEYS—Firm, 15c for live; dressed, 20@22c.

HIDES—Dry salted, 12c.; green, 8c. per pound.

THE COTTON MARKETS.

New York, Dec. 16.—The cotton market opened quiet and steady at unchanged prices to an advance of 3 points in keeping with the steady cables. Trading was very quiet all through the session and after sagging off 2 or 3 points from the opening figures, the market showed little or no feature. Private cables from Liverpool attributed the steadiness there to American buyers and expectations of a bullish national ginners' report on Monday. The weather South was more favorable.

Spot cotton closed quiet. Middling uplands, 12.20; middling gulf, 12.45; sales 200 bales.

Futures opened steady. January, 11.66; February, 11.80; March, 11.96; May, 12.11; July, 12.19; August, 11.90 bid; October, 11.80 bid.

Futures closed steady. December, 11.63; January, 11.71; February, 11.85; March, 12.02; April, 12.09; May, 12.16; June, 12.18; July, 12.22.

Port Movement.

Galveston—Firm 11 5-16c; net receipts, 6,602 bales.

New Orleans—Firm, 11 5-16c.; net receipts, 6,436 bales.

Mobile—Steady, 11 1-16c.; net receipts, 1,122 bales.

Savannah—Steady, 11 9-16; net receipts, 4,458 bales.

Charleston—Steady; net receipts, 800 bales.

Wilmington—Steady, 11 3-8c.; net receipts, 850 bales.

Norfolk—Firm, 11 3-4c.; net receipts, 3,442 bales.

Baltimore—Nominal, 11 7-8c.

Boston—Quiet, 12.20c.; net receipts, 1,494 bales.

New York—Quiet, 12.20c.; net receipts, 3,133 bales.

Philadelphia—12.45c.

Port Arthur and Sabine Pass—Net receipts, 8,467 bales.

otal to-day, at all ports—Net, 33,671 bales; Great Britain, 21,678 bales; France, 5,679 bales; Continent, 11,524 bales; Stock, 1,158,153 bales.

Consolidated, at all ports—Net, 33,671 bales; Great Britain, 21,678 bales; France, 5,679 bales; Continent, 11,524 bales.

Total since Sept. 1, at all ports—Net, 4,641,523 bales; Great Britain, 1,410,947 bales; France, 737,500 bales; Continent, 1,161,237 bales; Japan, 21,181 bales; Mexico, 964 bales.

Interior Movement.

Houston—Steady, 11 1-8c.; net receipts, 4,306 bales.

Augusta—Steady, 11 13-16c.; net receipts, 913 bales.

Memphis—Steady, 11 7-8c; net receipts, 3,078 bales.

St. Louis—Steady, 11 7-8c.; net receipts, 550 bales.

Cincinnati—Net receipts, 1,333 bales.

Louisville—Firm, 12c.

Liverpool Cotton Market.

Liverpool, Dec. 16.—Cotton.—Spot, quiet; prices 6 points higher. American middling fair, 6.87d.; good middling, 6.53d.; middling, 6.35d.; low middling, 6.19d.; good ordinary, 6.01d; ordinary, 5.85d.

The sales of the day were 6,000 American. Receipts 37,100, all American.

Futures opened barely steady and closed steady. American middling G. O. C: December, 6.22d.; December and January, 6.22d.; January and February, 6.24d.; February and March, 6.28d.; March and April, 6.33d.; April and May, 6.36d.; May and June, 6.39d; June and July, 6.41d.; July and August, 6.42d.; August and September, 6.33d.; September and October, 6.05d; October and November, 5.95d.

bales of which 500 were for speculation and export and included 5,200

NEW YORK FINANCIAL

New York, Dec. 16.—Money on call steady. No loans. Time loans; sixty and ninety days and six months, 6 per cent.; commission for short periods, making the rate, 7 to 8 per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 5 1-2@6 per cent. Sterling exchange strong with actual business in bankers bills at 486.20@486.25 for demand and at 482.50 for sixty day bills. Posted rates, 483 1-2@486 1-2 and 487. Commercial bills, 482@482 1-2. Bar silver, 65 1-2c; Mexican dollars, 50 1-4.

N. Y. Bonds.

U. S. refunding, 2s reg	102 3-4
U. S. refunding 2s, cou	103 1-4
U. S. 3s reg	102 3-4
U. S. 3s cou	102 3-4
U S. old, 4s reg	102 3-4
U. S. old, 4s, cou	103 3-4
U. S. New 4s, reg	130 3-4
U. S. New, 4s cou	130 3-4
American Tobacco, 4s cert	80 3-4
American Tobacco, 5s cert	115 1-2
Atlantic Coast Line, 4s	101 7-8
Baltimore & Ohio	102 3-4
L. & N. Unified, 4s	106
Seaboard Air Line	89 1-2
Southern Railway, 5s	120 1-8
U. S. Steel, 2d 5s	96 5-8

Closing Stock List.

Amalgamated Copper	101
American Sugar Refining	151 3-4
American Tobacco, pfd. cert	105 7-8
Atlantic Coast Line	161
Baltimore & Ohio	112 1-4
Baltimore & Ohio, pfd	97 1-4
Chesapeake & Ohio	55
Louisville & Nashville	151 3-4
Manhattan L.	162
New York Central	146 1-4
Norfolk & Western	84 1-2
Norfolk & Western, pfd	93
People's Gas	107 3-4
Reading	137 5-8
Reading, 1st pfd	92 1-2
Reading, 2d pfd	96 1-2
Southern Pacific	67 3-8
Southern Pacific, pfd	121 1-2
Southern Railway	35 1-4
Southern Railway, pfd	99 7-8
Tenn., Coal & Iron	142 3-4
U. S. Steel	38
U. S. Steel, pfd	105 1-8
Va.-Car. Chemical	43 7-8
Va.-Car. Chemical, pfd	115
S. A. L., com. bid	31
S. A. L., pfd	——
Standard Oil	682
Western Union	92 1-2

CHICAGO PRODUCE MARKET

Chicago, Dec. 16.—Reports of excellent weather for harvesting in Argentina started prices of wheat on a downward course today and closing quotations showed the May delivery off 7-8@1c. Corn was down 1-8c. Oats were off 1-4c. Provisions were a shade lower.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open	High	Low	Close.
Wheat, No. 2.—				
Dec.	85⅝	85⅝	84⅞	85
May	88⅝	88⅞	87⅞	88
July	83⅞	84	83¼	83⅝
Corn, No. 2.—				
Dec., old	46¼	47	46¼	47
Dec., new	45⅛	45½	45⅛	45⅜
May	44⅝	44½	44½	44⅜
July	44⅝	44⅝	44⅜	44⅝
Oats, No. 2.—				
Dec.	30¾	30¾	30¾	30¾
May	32½	32⅝	32¼	32⅜
July	30¾	30⅞	30⅝	30⅞
Mess Pork, per bbl.—				
Jan.	13.00	13.05	13.00	13.05
May	13.25	13.25	13.22½	13.25
Lard, per 100 lbs.—				
Dec.	....	....	....	7.55
Jan.	7.30	7.32½	7.27½	7.32½
May	7.30	7.30	7.27½	7.30
Short Ribs, per 100 lbs.—				
Jan	6.90	6.92½	6.90	6.92½
May	7.12½	7.15	7.10	7.12½

Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour, easy; Winter patents, 3.65@4.10; Winter straights, 3.65@3.85; Spring patents, $3.75@$4.10; Spring straights, $3.60@3.80; Bakers, $2.25@3.30; No. 2 spring wheat, 85@88 1-4; No. 3 spring wheat, 83@87; No. 2 red, 87 7-8@88 7-8; No. 2 corn, 47 1-2; No. 2 yellow, 47 1-2; No. 2 oats, 30 3-4; No. 2 white, 33; No. 3 white, 31@32 1-2; No. 2 rye, 67; Mess pork, per bbl., 12.75@12.87 1-2; Lard, per 100 lbs., 7.52 1-2@7.55; Short ribs sides (loose), 6.87 1-2@7.00; Short clear sides (boxed), 7.12 1-2@7.25; Whiskey, basis of high wines, 1.30.

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET

New York, Dec. 16.—Flour dull; winter patents, 4.50@5.55; Minnesota patents, 4.60@6.00; Minnesota bakers, 3.60@3.90.

WHEAT—Spot easy. No. 2 red, 92 1-2 elevator and 94 5-8 f. o. b. afloat. Options lower. May, 92 3-4; December, 95.

CORN—Spot steady. No. 2 old, 58 elevator and 51 1-2 f. o. b. afloat. Options higher; January, 54; May, 50 1-4; July, 50 3-8; December, 55.

OATS—Spot steady; mixed, 37@37 1-2.

COTTON SEED OIL—Steady; prime crude nominal; prime yellow, 28 3-4.

RICE—Quiet; domestic fair to extra, 3 1-2@6; Japan nominal.

MOLASSES—Firm; New Orleans open kettle good to choice, 30@38.

COFFEE—Spot Rio steady; No. 7 invoice, 7 7-8; mild quiet; Cordova, 9 3-4@12 3-4.

The coffee market closed steady at a net advance of 10@20 points.

SUGAR—Raw steady; fair refined, 1-8; centrifugal 96 test, 3 5-8; molasses sugar, 2 7-8. Refined steady; confections A., 4.55; mould A., 5.05; cut loaf and crushed, 5.40.

NAVAL STORES.

New York, Dec. 16.—Turpentine quiet at 67 1-2 to 68; rosin steady, strained common to good, 3.40 to 3.45.

Savannah, Dec. 16.—Turpentine steady, 65; sales 150; receipts, 1,046; shipments, 3,068; rosin firm; sales, 4,661; receipts, 2,506; shipments, 1,712.

Quote: A. B. C., 3.20; D., 3.20; E., 3.25@3.30; F., 3.35@3.40; G., 3.50; H., 3.55; I., 3.67 1-2; K., 4.07 1-2; M., 4.67 1-2; N., 5.05; W. G., 5.30; W. W., 5.55.

Charleston, Dec. 16.—Turpentine firm, 64; sales none.

Rosin firm; sales none. Quote: A. B. C., 2.85; D., 2.90; E., 2.95; F., 3.00; G., 3.10; H., 3.20; I., 3.50; K., 3.97 1-2; M., 4.47 1-2; N., 4.96; W. G., 5.10; W. W., 5.35.

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BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 16, 1905.

C. C. Railroad—57 bales cotton; 71 barrels tar; 27 barrels crude turpentine.

W. & W. Railroad—132 bales cotton; 3 casks spirits turpentine; 12 barrels rosin, 12 barrels tar.

W. C. & A. Railroad—618 bales cotton; 1 cask spirits turpentine; 6 barrels rosin; 11 barrels tar; 40 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—19 bales cotton; 9 casks spirits turpentine; 34 barrels tar; 2 barrels crude turpentine.

Str Whitlock—20 barrels tar; 3 barrels crude turpentine.

Str City of Fayetteville—1 bale cotton; 11 casks spirits turpentine; 60 barrels rosin; 34 barrels tar; 11 barrels crude turpentine.

Total—827 bales cotton; 24 casks spirits turpentine; 78 barrels rosin; 182 barrels tar; 83 barrels crude turpentine.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, Dec. 16.—The week ended quietly in the drygoods market today but while in certain instances offerings of nearby deliveries were slightly freer, yet the situation on spot goods was generally very steady with manufacturers independent on account of raw material conditions. Advices from all sections indicated satisfactory trade at second hand and a very encouraging outlook.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used for over 60 years by millions of mothers for their children while teething, with perfect success. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for Diarrhoea. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Sold by Druggists in every part of the world. Twenty-five cents bottle. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup," and take no other kind. ••

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To filter the blood is the kidneys' duty.

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It is a fearful fate to have to endure the terrible torture of Piles. "I can truthfully say," writes Harry Colson, of Masonville, Ia., "that for Blind, Bleeding, Itching and Protruding Piles, Bucklen's Arnica Salve, is the best cure made." Also best for cuts, burns and injuries, 25c at R. R. Bellamy's druggist. ••

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Cocoanuts, large, medium, small.
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Mixed Nuts.
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Prices cheerfully given on application.

STONE & COMPANY,

no30-tf

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Dec. 10-1mo*

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STAR BRANCHES.

For the benefit of those who may find it more convenient, advertisements may be left at the following Branch Offices, where they will receive as prompt and careful attention as if left at the Star Office, and with no additional cost to the advertiser.

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W. C. MUNDS' DRUG STORE—Corner 7th and Orange streets. Phone 554.

WM. NIESTLIE, DRUGGIST—S. W. Corner 7th and Red Cross streets. Phone 216.

BULLUCK'S DRUG STORE—313 North Front street. Phone 150.

L. B. SASSER'S DRUG STORE—Corner 8th and Market streets. Phone 135.

SOUTH-SIDE DRUG COMPANY—Corner Front and Castle street. Phone 278.

PONCE DeLEON FAILED TO FIND the fountain of youth, but the people of Wilmington have found "The Oasis," a refreshing retreat amid the turmoil of life. de17-tf

LADIES DELIGHT TO DROP IN AT "The Oasis" for light lunches, hot soups, bouillion, beef tea, or chocolate with whipped cream. We await your pleasure. de17-tf

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CHOICE FRUITS, NUTS, JUMBLES, crackers and everything new and fresh in confectionery line at "The Oasis," the ladies' light lunch resort. 108 1-2 Princess. de17-tf

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"REMINISCENCES OF WILMINGTON and Smithville." An historical work of 85 pages by Dr. W. G. Curtis. Deals with the history of Wilmington and Smithville from 1848 to 1900, including personal experiences of reconstruction period in this section. Prominent people of the section at that time given a prominent place. For sale at Yates' Book Store, 5c. de17-2t

A BUSY YOUNG MAN, WITH GOOD business, well connected, sober, desires to meet nice looking young lady of good standing and some means, object, marriage and happiness. Address Carolina, care Star Office. de17-1t*

FOR SALE—TWO NEW 2-STORY Houses—6 rooms each, in good neighborhood, on improved street. Each lot 33x165; for both houses, $3,500. Apply to M. C. Darby & Co., 114 1-2 Princess street. de17-1t

WANTED—RESPONSIBLE MAN TO manage branch office and depot for large coffee and spice company owning its own mills; salary up to $200 monthly and commissions; references and investment of $1,000 required. Address Managar, 18 River St., Chicago. de17-1t*

DRUG BUSINESS, WITH WELL SElected stock of Drugs, Medicines, &c., and a large soda fountain, in a prosperous town—the county seat of a county in Eastern Carolina—transversed by the A. C. L. system, is offered for sale, on fair terms, because of impaired health of the owner. Address "Druggist," Richlands, N. C. de17-2t*

FOR SALE ONE 2 1-2 HORSE-POWer Gasoline Engine; also one wood splitter. John H. Whiteman. de17-1t*

FURNISHED ROOMS FOR RENT. Apply at 23 South Second street or 'phone 184. de17-1t

WANTED—A BAD BARBER, SO WE can make him good. Gulon & Davis. no11-tf

WANTED — SALESMEN TO SELL lubricating oils and greases on salary or commission. The A. G. Harbaugh Co., Cleveland, O. de16-Sun-4t

BARBECUE, ROAST TURKEY, Quail and Oysters every day at the Dixie Cafe. 117 Princess street. de14-tf

NOTICE—THE MASTER, OWNERS, and Consignees of the British Steamship Hesleyside, give notice that they will not be held responsible for any debts made by the crew of the said ship. William Bedlington, Master. de16-1t

LADIES—SEND IN YOUR NAME and address on postal card and we will mail you our booklet on the care of the Skin, the Hair, Teeth and Nails. The Elysian Mf'g Co., Raleigh, N. C. de16,17,20-3t.

POSITION WANTED BY RESPONSIble young married man as office assistant, or in first-class grocery store, or as solicitor in city for wholesale house. Been in present position several years, but wish to change work. A-1 references. Address "H," care Star. de14,15,17-3t*

FOR RENT — PHOTOGAPH GALlery, No. 114 Market street between Front and Second. Best location in the city. Possession given at once. Apply to B. H. J. Ahrens. de7-tf

CAPE FEAR COAL AND WOOD CO.—We are now in position to fill orders, for all kinds of cut wood. With prompt delivery, polite service, and standard measurement, we solicit your patronage. 'Phone 197. no26-tf

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PHONE NO. 600.—HANOVER IRON Works Co. Plumbers and Tinners. We have moved to No. 2 South Water Street. W. E. King, Manager. oc6-tf

ONE HUNDRED CUSTOMERS WANTed for the Best Butter and Cheese money will buy. Try Sunbeam Corn and Peaches. Fresh Crackers and Cakes just received. New Buckwheat in packages and loose. New crop maple syrup. Give us your trial order. Phone 547; prompt delivery. S. P. Craig, 605 North Fourth street. oc26-tf

HOT AND COLD DRINKS AT THE Dixie Cafe. Beef Tea, Clam and Tomato Bouillon. Hot Coffee. 117 Princess street. no24-tf

FRESH ARRIVALS—BANANAS, Apples, Onions, Oranges, Cabbage, and Irish Potatoes. Two cars just arrived. A. S. Winstead. oc22-tf

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Happenings and Doings In Society.

By G. N. H.

Mr. M. Ashby Curtis will spend Christmas in Tarboro with his parents.

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Miss Jeannie Murchison has returned after a lengthy visit to friends in New York.

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Miss Strange, of Fayetteville, is the guest of the Rt. Rev. Bishop and Mrs. Strange at the temporary See House, on Nun street.

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Miss Mary Norcott Broadfoot, of Fayeteville, was a welcomed visitor of the Misses Lucy and Margaret Bridgers last week.

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Mrs. Frederick Fosgate will leave Friday for Washington, D. C., to spend the Christmas holidays with her daughter, Mrs. John E. Reinberg.

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Miss Laura Clark and Miss Anna Parsley, who are visiting Mrs. Edward S. Battle, at the Dunbar Farm, are expected home tomorrow.

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Mrs. Beverly B. Bebee gave a pleasant little bridge whist party, of two tables, in her apartments at the Colonial Inn last Wednesday evening.

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Dr. R. Clinton Bunting is expected home to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos O. Bunting. Dr. Bunting will be a welcome visitor.

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The Christmas dance of L'Ariosa German Club will be held on Wednesday, 27th inst. Admittance to the spectator's balcony will be by card for this german.

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From the Charlotte papers we learn that Richardson's Orchestra has been engaged by Mr. Jones for dances and receptions to be given at Airlie after the holidays.

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Mrs. William J. Croswell is in the city on a visit to Mr. Croswell's mother and family. Friends are always pleased to welcome Mrs. Croswell back to her old home.

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Miss Florence Bostwick, of New York, will be the guest for the Winter of her sister, Mrs. Oscar Byerly. Miss Bostwick's friends are pleased to again welcome her to Wilmington.

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Mr. and Mrs. Pembroke Jones and Miss Sadie Jones are expected to arrive this week and will spend Christmas at "Airlie" with a few intimate friends of this city, as ther guests.

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Mrs. Robt. H. Northrop, Miss Carrie Wright and Miss Emma Northrop, who have been visiting Miss Mabel Powers, on Peachtree street in Atlanta, returned to their homes last Thursday.

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Miss Marguerite Walker will leave Tuesday for Chattanooga, Tenn., to visit her relative, Miss Bond, who is pleasantly remembered. Miss Walker's friends are loth to see her leave and will gladly welcome her home again.

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Mr. Frank L. Meares, a former Wilmingtonian, but now of Seattle, Washington, is expected to arrive either on Friday or Saturday of this week on a visit to his relatives. Mr. Meares' many friends will be pleased to welcome him home.

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The Hoyle Whist Club composed of Mrs. Louis S. Belden, Mrs. James C. Munds, Mrs. W. D. MacMillan, Sr., Mrs. S. S. Bridgers and Mrs. James I. Metts was entertained last week by Mrs. L. S. Belden. This week the club will be entertained by Mrs. Metts.

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Just before sailing last Monday, Capt. Bartlet entertained a few friends on board the U. S. S. Florida. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. William A. Dick, Miss Hanna Bolles, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wallace Carmichael, Capt. J. Alvis Walker, and Mr. Albert Sidney Williams.

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Miss Ethel Houston, who sang so charmingly and acceptably in the role of Alana Dale in "Robin Hood" last Wednesday night is pleasantly remembered here. Miss Houston has quite a number of relatives in Wilmington and has made a visit or two to the Lippitt and DeRosset families.

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Mrs. Ernest Ratalje, of Cronly, and her guest, Miss Caroline Moore, of Elizabeth, New Jersey, gave their friends in this city the pleasure of a visit of a few days during the past week. Miss Moore returned to Elizabeth Thursday evening much to the regret of many acquaintances.

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The Charlotte Observer of Thursday says: "Mrs. L. E. Covington, who has been spending a few days with friends at Elizabeth College, left last evening for Laurinburg, where she will visit relatives before returning to her home at Wilmington. Mrs. Covington, as Miss Nina Holland, was teacher of English at Elizabeth College last year."

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Colonel and Mrs. Robert Brigga Watson, of Ridge Spring, South Carolina, have issued handsomely engraved invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Lucy McIver, to Mr. Robert James Severance on Wednesday, December 27th, in the Baptist church at Ridge Spring. Mr. Severance has many friends in this city who will be pleased to learn of his happiness.

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The little party given by Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Harris Screven at their home, 314 Fourth street, North, to their daughter, Nora, on the anniversary of her eleventh birthday, was a very enjoyable affair and will long be remembered by Miss Nora's guests, who were May Carmichael, Caroline Holmes, Lesa Royall, George Carmichael, Miss Leila Screven and Mr. Jas. O. Screven.

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Friends in this city were pleased to see last week, Lieut. and Mrs. Hughes, Miss Gertrude Hughes, Miss Sarale Hughes and Lieut. and Mrs. Staton, from the post at Fort Caswell, who came to witness the football game between the Caswell team and that from the U. S. S. Florida. It was an interesting game between the Army and Navy and the presence of officers and ladies of the post, encouraged and cheered the soldier boys.

Mrs. Henry H. McKee entertained very charmingly on Tuesday afternoon. The McKee home was tastefully decorated with Southern smilax and potted plants. Mrs. McKee's assistants were Mrs. Margaret Young and Mrs. Horace C. Prince. Delightful refreshments were served by Mrs. M. C. Hammond, Mrs. D. H. Lee, Miss Alice LeGrand and Miss Jennie Wood. The color scheme of yellow was artistically carried out in serving the refreshments.

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The Thursday Evening Bridge Whist Club was entertained by the Misses Eloise and Elizabeth Burruss last week. The guests were Miss Mary Allan Short, Miss Isabel Rountree, Miss Annabel Latimer, Miss Margaret Bridgers, Miss Jeannie Peck, Mr. Richard Bradley, Mr. Robert A. Williams, Mr. Burke H. Bridgers, Mr. Platt W. Davis, Mr. William L. Walker, Mr. A. S. Root, Mr. Raymond Hunt, Mr. Herbert Ratalje, and Mr. E. Strudwick Nash. A very charming evening was spent.

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Capt. Bartlet, of the U. S. S. Florida dined at "Airlie" last Sunday as the guest of Mr. Pembroke Jones. Other guests at the dinner were Mr. and Mrs. J. Wallace Carmichael, Miss Hanna Bolles, Mr. and Mrs. William A. Dick, Mr. Albert S. Williams and Capt. J. Alvis Walker. A drive in the afternoon over the macadam roads through Pembroke Park was very much enjoyed. Mr. Jones' visitors returned to the city in a special suburban car which was sent down for the purpose.

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Mrs. Benjamin Maurice Chiswell entertained her card club last evening at the Harrison home, on North Fourth street. The guests were: Mrs. Robert G. Rankin, Mrs. Chas. E. Taylor, Mrs. Thos. M. Green, Miss Leonora Cantwell, Miss Elizabeth Payne, Miss Tallulah DeRosset, Miss Louise Bunting, Miss Anita DeRosset, Miss Carrie Wright, Mrs. J. H. Quinan, Mrs. N. E. Cutchein and about fifteen gentlemen whose names we could not get, much to our regret. Dainty refreshments were served and Mrs. Chiswell fully sustained her reputation as a most gracious hostess.

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Friday next a pleasant party will leave Wilmington for the Land of Flowers. In one of Mrs. Flagler's handsome private coaches, Mrs. William R. Kenan, Mrs. Wise and daughter, Louise, with her governess; Miss Sarah Kenan and Miss Hanna P. Bolles will go to St. Augustine as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Flagler at the Ponce DeLeon. Mrs. Kenan's valet and maid will be taken for the comfort and convenience of the party. Christmas will be spent at the Ponce DeLeon and after the New Year the party will go to Palm Beach for a visit to Mr. Flagler's elegant Winter home, Whitehall.

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A chafing dish party was given on the U. S. S. Seminole Friday evening by Mr. Young, at which was a congenial company of some of Wilmington's most popular society folks. Mr. Young's guests were Miss Madeline DeRosset, Miss Tallulah DeRosset, Miss Frances Chadbourn, Miss Agnes Seabreaze, Miss Lilla Bellamy, Miss Carrie Wright, Miss Leonora Cantwell, Mrs. Quinan, Mrs. Chiswell, Mr. "Jack" Bellamy, Mr. Clayton Giles, Mr. A. B. VanBuren. Mr. Jno. B. Peschau and the staff of officers aboard the ship. It is hardly necessary to state that a very pleasant evening was spent, as nothing else could have been expected.

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The younger set is looking forward with much delight to the festivities of the Christmas holidays. Of the pleasures most tenderly cherished by many is the home coming of Wilmington's school colony of sweet and pretty young girls, some of whom are Miss Nannie Holladay, Miss Marguerite Holladay, Miss Fanny Murchison, Miss Agnes McQueen, Miss Annie Worth, Miss Bessie McKoy, Miss Bessie Bridgers, from Converse, and Miss Jane Iredell Green, Miss Alice Davis, Miss Sue Prince, Miss Helen Strange, Miss Lina DeRosset, Miss Virginia Bailey, Miss Paige Shelburne, Miss Mildred Smith, Miss Marguerite Short, Miss Elise Emerson, Miss Bessie Albright and Miss Etta Brand, from St. Mary's and Miss Florence Kidder from Madame LeFevre's, Baltimore. The young ladies are expected home by the last of the week.

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Mrs. Frederick Williamson Dick
Miss Annie Blount DeRosset
At Home
114 Nun Street
Thursday, December Fourteenth,
From Five to Six O'clock.

were the invitations received by friends. Despite the dismally inclement weather, the "at home" was largely attended and greatly enjoyed. The color scheme of pink and green was beautifully carried out in the decorations of smilax, palms, pink chrysanthemums and roses as well as in the serving of the dainty refreshments. In the receiving line were Mrs. Dick, Mrs. Thos. M. Green, Miss Annie Blount DeRosset and Mrs. De Rosset, who were assisted by Mrs. M. F. Heiskel Gouverneur, Miss Lilla Bellamy, Mrs. Chas. S. Grainger, Mrs. William A. Dick, Miss Carrie Myers, Mrs. Robert Strange and Mrs. John Francis Pugh. Mrs. Robert P. Johnston and Miss Louise DeRosset served the punch, while Miss Isabel Rountree, Miss Annabel Latimer, Miss Lizzie Peck, Miss Alice Boatwright and Miss May Ella Rankin daintily served the refreshments.

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Mrs. Frank Havens Russell
At Home
Friday, December Fifteenth
5 to 7 Wilmington, N. C.

The comfortable home of Dr. and Mrs. Russell was the scene of one of the prettiest teas of the season. The color scheme of red and green was beautifully carried out in the decorations of American Beauty roses, smilax, ferns and palms. The ices were served in forms and the other refreshments added to the color effect. The Southern and Eastern porches of the residence were enclosed and furnished with rugs and divans, illuminated with electric lights and heated with stoves. In the parlors was the receiving party, Mrs. Russell, Miss Kate B. Lilly and Mrs. Walker Taylor, whose assistants were Mrs. J. Walter Williamson, Miss May Beverly French, Miss Lilla Bellamy, Mrs. William F. Robertson, Miss Fannie Taylor and Miss Bessie Gibson. Mrs. Robert R. Bellamy, Mrs. Duncan M. Williams, and Mrs. B. Maurice Chiswell presided at the punch bowl, which was on the Southern porch. In the dining room the servers were Misses Duval Borden, Mary Croswell, Katie Grainger and Eleanor Gilchrist.

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The comfortable home of Mr. and Mrs. William A. French was beautifully decorated with Southern smilax and with yellow and white chrysanthemums last Wednesday evening, the occasion being the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage. In a beautiful bay window of the drawing room was suspended a large yellow marriage bell under which the happy couple stood receiving congratulations and best wishes of their friends and guests. The color scheme of gold and white deftly and artistically carried out the idea of the Golden Wedding. Those who came from a distance to add to the pleasure of Mr. and Mrs. French were their children and grand-children, of whom, are Mr. John T. French and daughter, of Florence, S. C.; Mrs. Chas S. Furber and two children, of Covington, Ky.; Mrs. Elias Richards and two children, of Lynchburg, Va., and Rev. G. S. Jones, a brother-in-law of Mr. French, of Hendersonville, N. C. Mr. and Mrs. French were assisted in receiving by their children and Mr. and Mrs. George R. French. In the dining room Miss Isabel Belden, Miss Sadie Williams, Miss Nellie Corbett, Miss Jennie Hardin and Miss Hattie French floated, and in the library Miss Alice Wright, Miss Dell Burbank and Miss Lauriston Hardin served an excellent punch. The color scheme in the dining room was exquisitely carried out with a profusion of Marechal Niel roses, yellow chrysanthemums and smilax. From eight to eleven o'clock a stream of guests and friends were welcomed to the comfortable home of the happy pair, who have shared more than the allotted joys of a wedded life and if wishes and friendship could avail Mr. and Mrs. French will celebrate their diamond anniversary.

BANNER TOURIST SEASON.

Jacksonville Paper Says Great Preparations are in Progress.

The Florida Times-Union of yesterday says:

Immediately after the holidays, as has been the case for the past few years, the Northern tourists will commence to pour into Jacksonville.

All railroads will inaugurate their fast Florida trains commencing early in January, but long before this, the hotel people and railroad agents are expecting many tourists.

Although the tourist travel to Florida has been earlier this season than in past years, many regular visitors prefer remaining at home for the Christmas holidays.

During the first parts of next month, according to information received by hotel proprietors and railroad men, the Winter excursions will commence. The Merchants' and Miners' Transportation Company has arranged to bring excursion parties to Florida; the Clyde Steamship Lone has arranged to bring them; special trains will be run through from the North to Florida, besides the many daily through trains.

The prospects for an enormous Winter travel to Florida is brighter this season than ever before. All local hotels have received requests for reservations for special parties for the past two months. The tourists all realize that the rush to Florida will be heavy this season and they are running no chances in securing hotel accommodation after reaching Jacksonville.

Already the hotel managers and clerks of the regular east coast hotels have gone South to prepare for the rush. Soon the hotel help will arrive in great numbers.

Automobile parties have already been passing through en route to the east coast, and many more parties are coming overland in their handsome touring cars.

The railroads leading into Florida, as usual, are all offering holiday rates, which will no doubt attract many visitors to the Sunny South.

Already the advance guard of tourists who have during past seasons purchased handsome homes on the east and west coast, have gone South for the Winter.

In speaking to a hotel man yesterday in regard to the travel of tourists southward during the present season, he remarked, as many have done earlier in the season, that this Winter will be the banner tourist year of Florida.

This fact remains undisputed and it is generally known because the reservations, made early in November, indicate a great tourist travel. Hotel men, now behind the desks at the local hotels, spent the Summer months in the North. They say from what they heard there that many more visitors will come to Florida this season than during past years.

—Tess—Yes, Mr. Grouchy called upon me last evening. Jess—Oh, the idea. He's a perfect bear, isn't he? Tess—Oh, I don't know. He didn't hug so hard.—Philadelphia Press.

—"Oh, George ,dear," she whispered, when he slipped the engagement ring on her tapering finger, "how sweet of you to remember just the sort of stone I preferred; None of the others were ever so thoughful." George was staggered for but a moment. Then he came back with, "Not at all, dear; you overrate me. This is the one I've always used."—London Tit-Bits.

—She—"When I saw old Billyus and his wife at Niagara a couple of years ago, she was billing and cooing with him in a way to make you tired." He—"That was the honeymoon." She—"And I saw where the other day in court she had him forced to agree to pay her the best part of his income as alimony." He—"That's the harvest moon."—Baltimore American.

At Louisville, Ky., last night the executive committee of the General Baptist Convention of North America, rescinded its action in regard to the next meeting place and declined to accept the invitation of Chattanooga to meet there next May. The matter was referred to another committee and it will act on invitations that may be extended.

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JIMMY'S GREAT SCHEME

[Original.]

"Jimmy the Cat" he was called because he was such a slick worker, never using saws or skeleton keys, but walking into a house in broad daylight under some bold and ingenious pretense. One morning Jimmy read in a newspaper that a certain Mr. Archibald, a wealthy man, was endeavoring to get possession of certain valuable property and by advice of counsel was refusing an order of the court to produce certain papers connected with the case. It occurred to Jimmy to go to Mr. Archibald's house in the guise of a constable and make a search, ostensibly for the papers, really for plunder. It did not occur to him that such papers would likely be in the hands of Mr. Archibald's attorney. Indeed, he didn't care where they were.

After executing a neat piece of penmanship in the shape of a search warrant and manufacturing a constable's badge he went to the house, rang the bell and was admitted. There were no men in the house at the time, and Miss Daisy Archibald, a young girl of seventeen, answered the summons.

"I'm sorry to trouble you, miss," said Jimmy, "but I've a warrant to search the house for certain papers in the case of Fairleight versus Archibald."

"If you'll wait a moment, I'll telephone my father, who will come home immediately."

Jimmy preferred to make the search without the presence of the head of the house, but he didn't wish to appear to force matters.

"I would be glad to accommodate you, miss, but the court's waitin'. The judge ordered me to make the search and git back before 2 o'clock, when it meets after the noon recess."

The young lady pondered. Finally she said reluctantly:

"We have an invalid in the house and don't want any disturbance, so I suppose I may as well give you the papers. If you'll wait a minute, I'll go and get them."

This unexpected proposition was rather startling to Jimmy, but he was equal to the occasion.

"I'll have to go with you, miss. If you should git away with the papers, I'd be blamed by the court."

"Certainly," said the girl. "I can understand that. You'd be very remiss to take such a risk. I don't know exactly where father keeps them, but we can search together."

Jimmy assented to all this, leaving it to be decided as he proceeded what action he should take. The young lady led him upstairs to an unoccupied bedroom, where she began a protracted hunt. Jimmy, to show his delicacy, sat down on a chair and left the matter entirely to her. He saw her take a box of jewels from a drawer and put it back again. When she was about to leave the room for another apartment Jimmy said:

"I'm sure such a pretty young lady couldn't play a game on a poor constable who's only doin' his duty. Just you go on searchin', and I'll wait here."

"That's very considerate of you," she said, showing two dimples and two rows of white teeth in a smile.

Jimmy was much pleased at the success of his artifice. As soon as Miss Archibald departed he stepped to the bureau, took out the jewel box, saw that it contained articles of value and slipped it in his pocket.

"The dear little fool!" he said. "I never met any one so soft. But after all she's only a child."

Presently he heard Miss Archibald call:

"Mr. Constable, please come here! I think the papers are in the silver vault. I know the combination, and I'll let you in."

"What luck!" remarked Jimmy to himself. "Things is workin' beautiful."

"I'll tell you the combination, and you turn the knob," said Miss Daisy when he came up.

The numbers were given, the bolts turned, and Jimmy found himself at the open entrance of a vault large enough to admit him standing upright.

"Please go and get me a light," he said in order to make an excuse to send Daisy away.

"One moment," she replied. "Look me in the face. Yes, you are honest. I know it. You see, our most valuable jewels are in there, and I wouldn't like to let any one in alone unless I had perfect confidence in him. I'll bring you a light in a minute."

When she returned with a lighted candle, Jimmy was in the vault and had just slipped a bag of jewels in his pocket. In fact, he had finished the job and was about to come out, but for appearance he took the candle from Daisy and began to pull open certain drawers containing silverware. Suddenly he heard a clang behind him and bolts shoot into sockets. He was a prisoner.

A few minutes later Mr. Archibald in his office was called to the telephone.

"Papa, dear," came the soft voice of his daughter, "a man came here to search for some papers. I locked him in the silver vault."

"You locked a man in"—

"Yes. Come home at once. I'm afraid he'll suffocate."

Mr. Archibald made hasty inquiries by telephone and learned that no search had been ordered. Then, taking two policemen with him, he went home. The vault was opened, and Jimmy, half dead, was dragged out.

"Ah, ha, Jimmy!" said one of the policemen. "Caught at last, eh?"

"I don't mind the catchin'," said Jimmy ruefully, "so much as bein' done by a pinafore. The child's slick enough to make a bloomin' murderer snivel!"

Jimmy got ten years, and Daisy got a gold watch studded with diamonds.

LAURA EGERTON.

His Day Off.

"Why so blithe, Mortimer?"

"Oh, gee! I don't have to go to school today! All I got to do is go to the dentist, chop a cord or so of wood, put in a ton of coal, do a little whitewashin' and mind the baby!"—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

HESTER'S COTTON STATISTICS.

Supply of American Crop To Date 6,754,643 Bales.

By Wire to The Morning Star

New Orleans, Dec. 15.—Secretary Hester's weekly cotton statement issued to-day shows for the fifteen days of December a decrease under last year of 174,000 a decrease under the same period year before last of 149,000.

For the 106 days of the season that have elapsed the aggregate is behind the same days of last year 856,000 and ahead of the year before last 276,000.

The amount brought into sight during the past week has been 389,949 bales against 475,075 for the same days last year and 398,276 year before last.

The movement since September 1st shows receipts in all United States ports to be 4,607,852 against 5,286,213 last year. Overland across the Mississippi, Ohio and Potomac rivers to Northern Mills and Canada, 321,301 against 431,284 last year. Interior stocks in excess of these held at the close of the commercial year, 571,579 against 663,117 last year; Southern mills takings, 809,000 against 785,143 last year. The total movement since September 1st is 6,310,112 against 7,165,817 last year.

Foreign exports for the week have been 277,286 against 289,456 last year, making the total thus far for the season 3,021,111 against 3,777,514 last enues. These agents, while Americans, mills, North, South and Canada thus far for the season have been 1,814,014 against 1,180,466 last year.

Stocks at the seaboard and the 29 leading Southern interior points have decreased during the week 54,383 bales against an increase during the corresponding period last season of 38,130. Including stocks left over at ports and interior towns from the last crop and the number of bales brought into sight thus far from the new crop, the supply to date is 6,754,643 against 7,324,728 for the same period last year.

Secretary Hester's statement of the world's visible supply of cotton issued to-day shows the total visible to be 4,997,891 against 4,871,967 last week and 4,448,312 last year. Of this, the total of American cotton is 4,005,891 against 3,937,567 last week and 3,778,312 last year, and of all other kinds including Egypt, Brazil, India, etc., 992,000 against 934,000 last last week and 670,000 last year. Of the world's visible supply of cotton there is now afloat and held in Great Britain and Continental Europe 2,406,000 against 2,226,000 last year; in Egypt 169,000 against 174,000 last year; in India, 511,000 against 272,000 and in the United States, 1,912,000 against 1,176,000 last year.

One thousand old newspapers for sale. Suitable for wrapping paper or for placing under carpets. tf**

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HE'S BEEN AROUND ALREADY MAKING HIS SELECTIONS AND TELLING US TO DELIVER THEM JUST THE DAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS. THE JOLLY OLD CHAP GETS US TO MAKE HIM CONFIDENTIAL TERMS OF PAYMENT, BUT WE WILL LET YOU INTO THE SECRET IF YOU WISH TO KNOW.

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HANDKERCHIEF SALE.

6 Sheer Linen Handkerchiefs for ladies, any initial, put in fancy holly box. Special this week, 75c. a box.

3 Plain White Hemstitched or Colored Bordered Child's Handkerchiefs in a box, worth 25c. Special sale price 15c. box.

50 doz. Ladies' All-Linen Embroidered Hemstitched, worth 35 to 50c. each. Special sale price, 25c each, or $2.75 per dozen.

A large assortment of Linen and Swiss Embroidered Ladies' Handkerchiefs from 50c. to $3.00 each.

Sheer All-Linen Child's Handkerchiefs; sale price 5c. each or 55c. per doz.

Gent's Initial Fine Silk Handkerchiefs; sale price 50c each, or $5.00 per doz.

Gents' All-Silk Handkerchiefs, large size, special values at 50c., 75c., and $1.00 each. Silk Initial Boys' or Men, 25c.

Gents' Large Silk Mufflers in white and colors, $1.00, $1.25, $1.50 and $2.00.

Extra quality Linen Handkerchiefs for gents. Special sale price 15c. each.

Gents' Fine Linen Handkerchiefs, one dozen in a box 25c. each, $2.75 per dozen.

GENT'S KID GLOVES AND NECKWEAR.

Extra fine quality, Light-Weight Kid Gloves for dress wear—every pair warranted. Sale price, $1.50 a pair.

25c. buys the best Gents' Necktie for this money in the city. Over 100 dozen to select from.

Full assortment of Undressed Kid Gloves for gents; in gray and brown, at $1.50 a pair.

Tan Kid Gloves, good quality—every pair warranted—$1.00 a pair.

50c. buys a tie that some stores do not hesitate to ask you double for.

75c. buys a extra fine quality Gents' Necktie, put up in single boxes for Xmas presents.

GENT'S SMOKING JACKETS LOUNGING ROBES.

Gents' Cloth Smoking Jackets in all wool English material, $5.00, $6.00 and $7.00.

Gents' Flannel Lounging and Bath Robes, special at $4.00, $4.50, $5.00 and $6.00; useful Xmas gifts.

Gents' All-Silk Umbrellas in tape-edge silk 26 inch and 28 inch. Sale price $1.50 to $5.00 each; a useful Xmas present.

$1.00 will buy an extra quality Gloria Umbrella, with either Gents' or Ladies' handle; about 300 to select from.

SALE FANCY GOODS.

Writing Paper in fancy holly boxes, good quality, $1.00, $1.25 and $1.75 a box.

Gold-Plated Fancy Clocks, warranted by the maker, $2.00 to $4.00 each.

Fancy Metal Jewelry Boxes, silk lined, 75c., $1.00,$1.50 to $5.00 each.

Comb and Brush Sets, silver and wooden backs, 75c. to $5.00 a set.

Gilt Handle Whistbroom, one in a box. Sale price 75c. each.

Burnt Wood Match Safes, Tie Holders, Whistbroom Holders, Tie and Gloves Boxes, 25c. to $1.00 each.

25c. Silver novelties—Shoe Horns, Button Hooks, Butter Knives, Orange Knives, Blotters, Nut Picks &c., worth 50c.

Leather and Burnt Wood Collar and Cuff Boxes, 75c. to $5.00 each.

Gents' Shaving Cup and Brush, in China, metal and silver.

Gents' Military Brushes, Clothes Brushes, Hat Brushes. All prices.

Ladies' Silk Fans, a beautiful Xmas present, a new assortment just received for holiday trade; full line of stamped linens.

HAND BAGS—CARD CASES.

We have just purchased a drummer's samples of the above, which we offer for the holiday sale at reduction of 10 per cent.; a fine assortment to select from.

We are also showing at special prices a large assortment of Dress Suit Cases and Traveling Bags—also Steamer and Dress Trunks.

Beaded Bags for shopping and Beaded Opera Bags, the new fad; we have them in all colors, 50c. to $5.00 each.

LADIES' KID GLOVES.

Our assortment consists of a well known make of the "Myers' Glove,"—we have exclusive sale of them in our city—every pair warranted—only $1.00 a pair. We have them in all shades and sizes; sizes exchanged after Xmas if you don't know the size you want.

DOLLS! DOLLS!

We handle only high grade Dolls, either kid or bisque bodies, long natural hair, dressed and undressed; see window display, prices 50c. to $5.00 each. The best selected stock in the city.

Go-Carts and Carriages for the Dolls, 25c. to $5.00 each.

For Boys, you can buy an Automobile, Irish Flyer, Carts and Wagons; prices lowest in the city.

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WILMINGTON INDUSTRIALLY.

Last week in this series of articles the endeavor was to show something of the volume of the great trucking industry in this favored section of Eastern North Carolina. It is the purpose of the writer now to speak more especially of the climate in the Wilmington zone and to give some individual examples of yield and diversity of crops made possible by these most favorable conditions.

Get a map and lay a ruler across from Los Angeles, Cal., to Wilmington, N. C., and you will find that it makes a horizontal line. The lay of the land of Southern California and that of North Carolina are practically the same. As a matter of fact the climate of the two places is almost identical, except that North Carolina has the advantage of over three times the rain fall that is enjoyed by Southern California. What is true otherwise of the climate of Southern California is true of North Carolina, it is never too hot—never too cold—the Blue Ridge Mountains are almost as near North Carolina as the Rockies are to Southern California, the ocean washes the shores of both: what the California Gulf Stream furnishes to Southern California, the Mexican Gulf Stream gives to North Carolina but while Southern California is almost arid, North Carolina is blessed by an average of from 60 to 70 inches of rain fall every year, against 10 to 20 inches in Southern California.

A map prepared under the direction of the United States Geological Survey shows the rain precipitation in all parts of the United States, and also that the district around Wilmington, has more rain fall than any other place east of the Rocky Mountains, with the exception of a strip along the Gulf Coast and a small area in the Tennessee Mountains where truck raising is impossible. It requires abundant moisture for the quick growth of vegetables and small fruit and Wilmington being 48 hours nearer the great eastern markets than the Gulf States, which are similarly favored, has a greater future in truck raising than any part of the United States.

Statistics furnished under date of June 29, 1905, by Mr. George W. Felger, Chief Observer, Weather Bureau, United States Department of Agriculture, at Wilmington, N. C., covering a period of 34 years give the following data.

	Avg Temperature for 34 Years.	Avg Rain Precipitation 34 Years
January	47	3.62
February	49	3.35
March	55	3.59
April	61	2,.72
May	70	3.93
June	77	5.55
July	80	6.71
August	79	6.97
September	74	5.42
October	64	2.86
November	55	2.40
December	48	3.09

The average date of first killing frost in Autumn for 34 years, November 15th.

The average date of last killing frost occuring in Spring for 34 years, March 27th.

From this table one will be able to judge the climatic conditions around Wilmington, N. C. Think of it—the coldest average month in 34 years, 47 degrees above zero and the warmest average month in the same period, 80 degrees. Could you find a climate more ideal as a place of residence, or more adaptable to agricultural pursuits?

The two principal products raised in this locality and by far the most profitable are perhaps lettuce and strawberries. There are no reports on file in the Government Office showing the average profits per acre on these crops but as a means of demonstration we will give the actual experience of Mr. Geo. W. Trask, owner of a farm three miles from Wilmington.

Mr. Trask bought a farm of 60 acres in October, 1902, for $3,000. He had been raised as a farmer, but had little or no capital to start with on his present farm, which, when he bought it, on credit, was under cultivation, and provided with mules, farming implements, etc.

At the end of two years he had paid for his farm and built a large barn at a cost of $600 to $700 and had $400 to $500 surplus.

His largest profits came from lettuce, as it grows faster than any other vegetable and always commands a high price. This year he had two acres in lettuce under canvas and one and one-half acres outside. His first lettuce shipment of 236 baskets averaged him about $2.50 per basket. He had 9 acres in beets, 3 1-2 acres in irish potatoes, 1 1-2 acres in cabbage, 1 acre in peas, 2 acres in sweet corn, 2 acres in tomatoes, 1 acre in cantaloupes, 1-3 acre in cucumbers and 15 acres in corn. He also raises all of his own hay and oats, not having paid out a single dollar for forage for his four teams since the first year.

Lettuce for Fall shipment is sown from August 25th to September 1st, transplanted from October 1st to October 10th and harvested between November 25th and Christmas.

For Winter shipments it is sown from October 1st to 10th in hot-beds protected by cloth coverings, replanted the last part of November to about the 20th of December and harvested the latter part of March and through April.

These crops, therefore, do not compete with the Florida product, which is shipped during January and February.

After the lettuce for Fall shipment has been gathered you can begin planting English peas on the same ground, they being harvested in May.

After the Winter crop of lettuce has been gathered you can begin planting tomatoes, cucumbers, squash or melons on the same ground and they will be ready for the market in June and July.

Irish potatoes are planted from the 25th of January to the 10th of March and are ready for shipment from the 1st to the 10th of June. Sweet potatoes are planted about the 1st of June and mature in about two months. Radishes are planted about the 15th of January and gathered the 1st of March.

Thus one will see that a number of crops can be grown from the same piece of land and when you figure up the returns from a single acre at the end of the year, the profits should be somewhat betwen $300 and $400, according to the variety of the crops.

About four years ago a small colony of North Western farmers came to North Carolina and settled at Chadbourn, a small town on the Atlantic Coast Line, about 30 miles west of Wilmington. They bought their land for $10 an acre and began the cultivation of Strawberries. To-day you could not buy an acre of this same land for $250, because thtir strawberry crop has never failed them, they having raised every year from 100 to 250 crates per acre, the general average being about 150 crates. A crate of strawberries means 32 full quarts.

The berries are picked for 32 cents a crate and after deducting the cost of crates and the freight charges, there has always been a net profit of from 75c to $1.25 per crate, this amount varying according to the condition of the market, the quality of the fruit and the time of maturity. But taking even the lowest price, 75c per crate, with an average of 150 crates, means a net profit of $112.50 per acre. When you consider that this amount represents the net returns after having paid for the harvesting of the crop, you will realize why they would not part with this land for $250 per acre.

There is no chance for failure in the Wilmington zone because if ten or twenty acres are planted in a dozen different variety of crops, if one or two of them should fail, the balance will be sure to more than make up the loss. When it comes to figuring the difference in returns, we know that it will be almost beyond belief to the man of the middle and middle west States who has toiled for years raising the heavy staples. G N. H.

AVERAGE WEIGHT OF COTTON.

Secretary Hester Makes it 519.10 Pounds Per Bale.

New Orleans, Dec. 5.—Secretary Hester makes the actual average weight of 4,252,543 bales of the cotton crop, embracing port receipts and overland for the three months from September to November inclusive, 519.10 against 523,23 pounds per bale last year, a decrease of 4.13.

Detailed averages are: Texas, 534.56; Louisiana, 522.16; Alabama, etc., 530; Georgia, 508; South Carolina, 500; North Carolina, 501,95; Virginia, 496; Tennessee, etc., including Memphis, St. Louis and overland, 523.8.

In the annual Rugby football match at Richmond, Eng., yesterday Cambridge University defeated Oxford by 15 to 13.

FINE BATTLESHIP LOUISIANA.

Speed at Trial Yesterday Exceded 18 Knots an Hour.

Rockland, Me., Dec. 13.—The new battleship Louisiana was sent over the measured mile course near Owl's Head today and easily exceeded the government requirement of 18 knots an hour. The maxium speed developed was 18.924 knots an hour and her builders expressed confidence that the ship can attain a speed of 19 knots. The Louisiana was sent over the course twelve times. The first run was made in a drizzling rain, but later the sky cleared and the sea was almost calm. Five miles were covered at top speed, but the average rate of speed was 18.61 knots an hour. The maxium number of revolutions was nearly 126 per minute and the number necessary to maintain required speed of 18 knots was estimated to be about 120.

The anchor test took place immediately after the propeller test and everything worked smoothly. The Louisiana will leave Rockland at 8 o'clock to-morrow morning on her four hours endurance test, going straight toward Boston, from Monhegan Island. She will land the members of the naval trial boards and continue on to Newport News for completion.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Because she is building in a government navy yard, the battleship Connecticut now nearing completion at New York, will probably not have her builders' trial until after the vessel has been placed in commission and can carry a regular navy crew. The Connecticut is a sister ship of the Louisiana now under construction by the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company and now having her trial. The two vessels were authorized at the same time and their construction is being closely watched by the Navy Department so that a report may be made to Congress upon the comparative time required for the construction of battleships by the government and by private ship yard companies. The Connecticut is ready for trial there being little appreciable difference in the degre of completion of the two ships, but she will probably not be commisisoned before April. The Louisiana will be commissioned also in the Spring and the time of building will probably be reckoned from the time of the award of the contracts to the time of the commission of the Louisiana and the trial of the Connecticut inasmuch as both ships will be commissioned as soon as possible and the latter will be tried as soon after commissioning as is possible.

In Atlanta early yesterday C. C. Kiser, a prominent broker and commission merchant, shot himself in the head with evident suicidal intent. He died last evening, without having regained consciousness. Ill health is believed to have been the cause of the tragedy.

Two firemen were killed and four others injured yesterday in a fire which destroyed the greater part of the plant of the Mars Manufacturing Company at Evanston, Ill. Just as the firemen arrived and were preparing to throw water on the fire, a quantity of petroleum stored in the basement on the building exploded,

UNDERWOOD-BARBOUR.

Popular Young People Plight Their Troth In Carteret.

North Harlowe, N. C., Dec. 12.—Mr. Augustin J. Barbour and Miss Maude H. Underwood were happily unitd in matrimony at the home of Dr. C. N. Mason of Harlowe, N. C., on the 10th of December at 7:30 P. M., Reverend John E. Underwood, assisted by Rev. W. A. Piland, officiating.

The marriage was a quiet home affair, only a few friends of the bride and groom being present. Mr. Percy M. Mattocks and Miss Lottie Mason attended the bride and groom.

The wedding march was played by Miss Bessie Morton, of this place.

Mr. Barbour, of the firm of Morton & Barber, is one of our most successful business men. He came here about two years ago from Wilmington, N. C., where he was employed by the Cape Fear Lumber Co. His business ventures while here have been rather large and daring but very successful.

Miss Underwood is the daughter of Rev. John E. Underwood, of Elizabeth City. She was employed to teach the public school here, but while visiting at Dr. Mason's home last Summer, had a very bad attack of fever, and has not been very well since.

Her father came down to visit her on the 9th and as the marriage was to take place in a short time; he thought it best that they should be married here than for her to accompany him to his new home at Rockingham, where the last Conference has placed him. He left for Rockingham on the 11th.

WARM WIRELETS.

A membership on the New York Stock Exchange was sold yesterday for $88,000, the highest price at which a stock exchange seat has ever sold. The last previous high record was $85,000.

The French government has accepted the invitation to be represented at the celebration to be held in the vicinity of Jamestown, in 1907 in commemoration of the birth of the American nation. A French squadron will be sent to Hampton Roads to participate in the naval celebration.

—Charles A. McArthy, of Hoosick Falls, N. Y., left last night for Rutland, Vt., where he will confer with attorney with regard to legal efforts to save Mary Mabel Rogers from the gallows on Friday at Windsor, Vermont. This is a final conference, and at attorney will be selected to approach Governor Bell on Thursday or Friday in the interest of the condemned woman.

In Cincinnati yesterday upon application for the appointment of a receiver for the Cincinnat, Hamilton and Dayton railway, filed in the United States Circuit court by Lawrence Maxwell, Jr., Circuit Judge Lurton appointed Hon. Judson Harmon as receiver. He was also appointed receiver of the Pere Marguette road. He gave $100,000 bond in each case.

A New York dispatch says: Geo. W. Perkins, of the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co., will retire from the vice-presidency of the New York Life Insurance Company, and from the chairmanship of its finance committee at the coming election next April. A friend of Mr. Perkins declares that this step has been taken at the suggestion of Mr. Morgan himself, and that the decision would be formally ananounced very soon.

At Cooper's Mill, near Eastman, Ga., yesterday, J. C. Carr, a young man of Eastman, was seriously, and it is thought fatally shot by Jim Ogden, and in turn Ogden was instantly killed by Carr. Carr is superintendent of the mill and discharged Ogden for some reason which angered him, and he went off and in a short time returned with his shot gun and shot Carr in the left shoulder, whereupon Carr shot him four times with his pistol, killing him instantly.

Rev. Dr. Arthur S. Lloyd, missionary secretary of the Episcopal church in America, yesterday sent from New York to Norfolk his official declination of the co-adjutor bishopric of Southern Virginia. A new bishop will be elected at Portsmouth in May. Rev. Dr. Tucker, of Norfolk, Rev. Dr. Bryan, orf Petersburg and Rev. Dr. John Lloyd, of Lynchburg, are prominently mentioned for the bishopric. Dr. Arthur Lloyd had previously declined the bishoprics of Mississippi and Kentucky.

In Meadville, Pa., yesterday evening a heavy run away trolley car dashing down College Hill faster than a mile a minute struck a heavily loaded Cambridge Springs car, killing three passengers and injuring a dozen or more. Five minutes ahead of the time for the passenger car to leave for Cambridge Springs, a car towing another car on a six-foot chain started for the storage barn on top of College Hill. In front of the Odd Fellows' home the chain broke and the read car started down the hill. It met the loaded car at the foot and the terrific impetus carried both cars over 1,000 feet down North Main street on the level.

Judge Witt, in the Hustings court, at Richmond, Va., yesterday, overruled the demurrer of the half dozen defendants in the now famous Richmond primary election cases, wherein fraud and corruption in violation of the State election laws are charged. The judge holds that the indicted men cannot dodge the issue behind a barricade of technicalities but must prove their innocence through the medium of witnesses in open court. The Commonwealth's attorney, however, admits that it will be difficult to convict as matters stand, and the cases will therefore probably be long drawn out The trials will begin on the 18th instant.

PHILADELPHIA WOMAN CAUGHT.

Skipped to Boston and Forfeited $2,500 Bail.

Boston, Masfs., Dec. 13.—Mrs. Mary S. Roberts, who is known as the wife of William E. Hunt or Howard or Roberts, as he is known in Philadelphia, was arrested late this afternoon on a fugitive from justice. It is alleged that Mrs. Roberts defaulted her bonds of $2,500 in Philadelphia, where she was arrested for complicity in the death of Maud Gilpin, the victim of an illegal operation.

Warranty Deeds for sale at the Star Office.

ERA OF IMPROVEMENT

Prosperity of Wilmington Indicated in Unprecedented Amount of Repairs

EVERYBODY IS BRUSHING UP

Many Old Homes Being Made New By Fresh Paint and Decoration—Demand for Sidewalks By Property Owners is Encouraging.

The care which people bestow upon their property is a sign of the times. If business is dull and the town's going to the bad, rickety houses and dilapidated fences assail the eye on every corner. If the town is prosperous and the busines men are "doing very well, thank you," one will notice a brushing up about town and a general air of progressiveness not only in the business section, but along residence strets. So much appropos of the unusual improvements that are going on all over Wilmington in the residence section.

Evidence that Wilmington property owners are tidying up is furnished in the unusual amount of paint that is being spread on houses throughout the city, indicating that there is a general tone of prosperity felt, even by the economical landlord.

The large amount of repairing that is being done, and the great amount of paint that is being spread over old walls has ben noticeable for the last few months, and is rather unusual for this season of the year. Usually new coats and general repairing is done in the Spring and Summer months, but more of this work has been done this Fall than was done during the Spring.

A well known paint and building material dealer said yesterday that more painting and repairing had been done in Wilmington this year than in any two years since he had been in business. There is a large amount of repairing going on, this dealer said, "but the amount of painting, repairing and decorating that is being done is something remarkable. Go to any contracting painter and he will tell you that it is almost impossible to secure competent men right now for any extra work, as all of, those in the city have enough work to keep them busy for weeks to come.

"Our sales of paints and building materials have been unusually heavy. We are in close touch with nearly all of the contractors, and know that most of their work at present is in improving old property.

"This spirit of improvemnnt does not seem to be confined to Wilmington but is evident in the smaller towns in this vicinity. This is also the result of the better condition, financially, of the property owners, and seems to be general.

"Wholesale dealers in building supplies are handling more stuff into the smaller towns and interior points than in many years. Eleven-cent cotton, with prospects of continued high prices for the crop, gives the average farmer confidence sufficient to warrant his improving his home. This makes business for the building material dealers, and work for the contractors and painters. During the last year there has been a greater demand for decorators and expert inside workers in Wilmington than ever before."

The general air of prosperity is also reflected in the number of handsome new sidewalks that are being laid in front of their residences by property owners. It is a notorious fact that more property owners have applied to the city for curbing to which to lay sidewalks at their own expense than the municipal authorities have felt able to furnish. Thousands of feet of excellent granolithic have ben laid and the demand by property owners is for more.

TWINKLINGS.

—Parson Jackson—"Does yo' take dis man fo' better or wuss?" The Bride—"Ah'll take him jest as he am. If he gets any better, I'se 'fraid he'll die, and if he gets any wuss, I'll kill him mahself."—Puck.

—The Humble Student—"And so, sir, you agree with this author's contention that genius and insanity are 'closely allied.' In your opinion, what is the difference?" The Eminent Scientist—"The lunatic is at least sure of his board and clothes."—Life.

—"Ah! dearest," he sighed, as he clasped her to him in the solitude of the parlor, "I love you more than tongue can tell." "Not more than my tongue can tell, I'll bet you,' cried her little brother, as he crowded from under the sofa and skipped away.—Philadelphia Press.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—For years the trimmings and culls of the Florida sponge trade were waste matter; now, at Miami, they are cleaned, assorted and made into mattresses and pillows. Sponge mattresses have sprung into great demand, and every one that can be made is promptly sold. Thus a waste article has been turned into a valuable by-product.—Savannah News.

—It is interesting to note in a special in yesterday's Observer the arrival at Wilmington of a party of twelve or fifteen immigrants direct from Italy, who were sent to Pender county to work on truck farms. The result of this experiment may lead to many others coming and if they are the right kind of people, there is room for quite a number of them in North Carolina.—Charlotte Observer.

—Even the Blackburn crowd does not seem to be able to explain just what Mr. Butler has to do with it.—Durham Herald. True enough, but the ex-senator is a smooth one and it is no sign of especial denseness on the part of the Blackburn crowd not to be able to say just what Butler is doing. For our part, we believe that in the final wind-up, Butler will be shown to be out for an office.—Greensboro Telegram.

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The Theatre

The offering at the Academy of Music all this week is the Murray Comedy Company, which is so pleasantly remembered from last season. The company is said to be the best of its class on the road this season and the engagement here this week is being looked forward to with a great deal of interest. The company was in Raleigh the past week and a criticism of the production the evening before is thus given in the News and Observer of Wednesday:

"Though classed as a popular price show the performances of the Murray Comedy Company are cheap only in the price you pay, for with little money you see a bang-up performance by clever artists who keep the house applauding.

"Last night the play was a 'A Deserted Wife' and it was one full of heart and interest and full of fun also. The cast did the work admirably and each of the audience was delighted, for the evening's entertainment was bright, interesting, full of dramatic situations and presented in a happy manner that won deserved applause and praise. The specialties were clever and amusing.

"To-night the bill is 'A Mansion of Aching Hearts' and this is a play to attract a big audience. here was a big crowd out last night and there will be another to-night, for the Murray Comedy Company has 'caught on' to popular approval. If you want to spend a delightful evening be at the Academy of Music to-night."

MISS DOROTHY SMITH.

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That there is a tendency towards the acceptance of the higher ideals in dramatic art is evident from the unanimous success with which Creston Clarke, in the beautiful comedy romance, "Beaucaire," has met wherenation has appeared this or last season and judging from the substantial interest being manifested in this city in the forthcoming visit of this artistic actor in the above named gorgeous production, a large attendance is assured. "Beaucaire" is just such a creation as fits the genius of Creston Clarke, inasmuch as it combines all the requisites of a wide range of acting, blending the humorous and grave in adroit fashion. "Beaucaire" will be seen at the Academy early in January.

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COMING OF HOWARD KYLE.

The New York Herald of a recent date printed a half-tone likeness of Mrs. Ivy Ashton Root, author of the new play 'Mozart" which is soon to be produced here by Mr. Howard Kyle and company. Mrs. Root is a niece of Secretary of War Elihu Root, and the Herald says of the play and its author:

"Another young woman favorably known in society and music circles in New York has blushingly admitted the authorship of a play which will have its premiere in Altoona, Pa., Christmas Day under the management of Mr. Maurice Campbell. Mrs. Ivy Ashton Root, a niece of Secretary of War Elihu Root, and the wife of Mr. Edwin B. Root, a lawyer, is the author of the drama, which is written around the life of Mozart.

"The play, which is a poetic drama in five acts, deals almost exclusively with the life of the famous composer, and its title will be simply 'Mozart.' The title role will be played by Mr. Howard Kyle.

"Everything possible to keep secret the name of the author of the drama as well as the details concerning its production was done by both the producer and Mrs. Root, but the facts became known last night when it was learned that the company back of the production had been incorporated in Albany under the title of the Mozart Company.

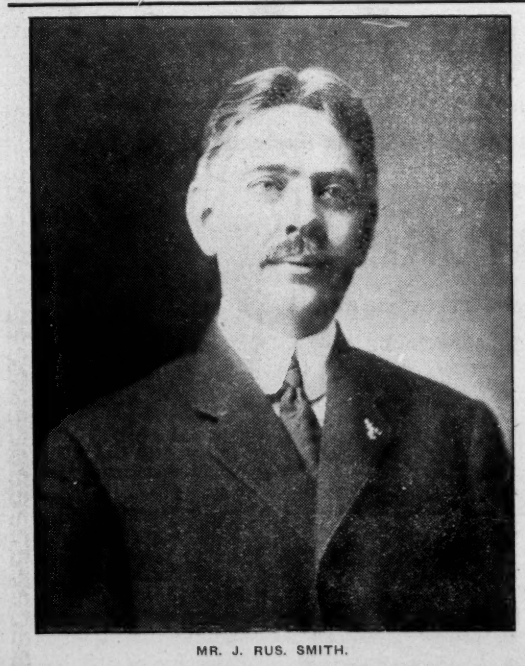
"The officers and stockholders of the corporation, which includes many well known business men, are Messrs. Duff G. Maynard, W. W. Owens, J. R. Halsey and R. H. Swartwout.

"For the production some of the best known musicians in the country have arranged numbers from Mozart's works.

"Mrs. Root, in conversation with a reporter for the Herald last night, said that she felt flattered to think that her play had been thought acceptable for production. She said the preliminary work on the drama had been begun some years ago, that she had altered the situations and scenes many times, and that the manuscript had only been completed within the last few months.

"'I thought when I started to write 'Mozart' that there was ample opportunity for the building of a good poetic drama around the famous musician,' said Mrs. Root, 'and when the play was submitted for approval I was pleased to find that it was acceptable.'

"Mrs. Root with a party of friends will be present at the premiere of the drama Christmas night."



MR. J. RUS. SMITH.

Manager Murray Comedy Comedy at the Academy of Music All This Week, Opening Monday Night.

SOUTHERN REFORMATORY PLAN.

Georgia Proposes Institution for Children of the South.

Atlanta, Dec. 13.—The Juvenile Reformatory Committee through whose efforts a State institution has been established, is planning an institution where the delinquent and dependent children of the South may be cared for, separate from the influence of older and hardened delinquents. At the request of the committee the governors of Georgia, West Virginia and Kentucky have named delegates to a general conference which will be held in Washington Friday morning of the present week. President Roosevelt has promised to receive the delegation at the White House Friday afternoon.

MOVEMENT OF LETTUCE.

Truckers' Journal Review—Shipment of Holly and Mistletoe.

The Carolina Fruit and Truck Growers' Journal in its issue the past week says:

Car lot shipments of lettuce are now moving quite freely, from three to ten car loads going out of this territory every day. The quality is superb and many flattering comments from Northern buyers and consumers are being received daily. Prices range from $1.25 to $2 per half barrel basket and daily receipts appear to be cleaned up regularly. Demand rules active and strong wherever North Carolina stock is offered and the indications point to a lively movement right along throughout the balance of the year.

What is known as the Winter and Spring crop bids fair to be one of unusual size and volume and the plants are looking quite promising on every side. In other words the North Carolina growers will be in position to say about February or March that this State will out rank Florida both in quantity and quality, rendering it unnecessary for consumers and dealers to go elsewhere than North Carolina for their lettuce. Great care and preparation has been made for protection against excessive cold so that the crop will be large and uniformly shipped to advantage.

In addition to lettuce, no less than one hundred thousand packages of holly, mistletoe and pine tops have been shipped out of this State during the month of December for holiday decorations. River steamers and every known species of carry craft have piled this stuff into Wilmington, delivering it to the railroads and steamer lines since early in December, and this industry alone has brought thousands and thousands of dollars back into North Carolina, whereas heretofore it never yielded a penny. Verily this is the garden spot of the world and inhabited by God's chosen people of the earth. From February to May we ship lettuce, spinach, kale and other things of the vegetable kingdom; during May and June we ship strawberries, blackberries, dewberries and canntaloupes; during July and August, melons, peaches, apples and kindred other fruits; while in September and October we ship the Fall crop of vegetables and other produce, housing cotton in the meantime, shipping out the Fall crop of lettuce in November, December and January. Golly Moses, what a land of milk and honey we have got in the "Old North State."

PROGRESSIVE DUPLIN.

Building of Good Roads, Improvement of Schools, Etc.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Kenansville, N. C., Dec. 12.—A telegram was received yesterday from Congressman Chas. R. Thomas, "the faithful," saying that an expert good roads man would be sent here at once by the Agricultural Department at Washington to superintend the work on the sand-clay road from Kenansville to Magnolia. Senator F. M. Simmons also called at the Department and "hooped up" old Duplin. The Department will no doubt send down the necessary machinery with which to do the work. The work will begin this week on the good road and the people of this community are very enthusiastic over the whole county. The benefit of this sand-clay road to our county cannot be over-estimated. It is the beginning of new era in Duplin county and a change from the old to a new order of things.

The public school here has been consolidated with the Grove Academy and the James Sprunt Institute will get several more students by this means. With good roads, a delightful town socially, splendid water from ever flowing springs, Kenansville is the best place for schools in East Carolina, with a people well known for refinement and culture, homes situated all about the hills on beautifully shaded lawns, and with many other attractions to make life worth living. Kenansville will yet become a town for business and life and industries. Lands are selling rapidly all around us; large farms are being divided and more people are moving in to dwell in this proud old community.

Elections will soon be held for the consolidation of public schools in several tornships and high schools will be established and all the white children will be educated. The school at Magnolia, only a few months old, is to-day the best illustration of what can be done by hard work for better schools. With good roads, Duplin county is sure to become one among those at the top round of the ladder in an educational and industrial way.

TROUBLE AHEAD FOR ROOSEVELT

Inquiring Into His Action in San Domingo Matter.

Washington, Dec. 12.—The open session of the Senate to-day was brief. One bill was passed. Mr. Taliaferro took the oath of office for his new term as a senator. He was escorted by his colleague, Senator Mallory, before the Vice President who administered the oath.

The Senate after an executive session adjourned until to-morrow. In executive session of the Senate Senator Lodge moved to send back to the committee on foreign relations the treaty in relation to Santo Domingo affairs. Opposition developed and without explaining his reasons for asking the consideration of the treaty again by a committee, Senator Lodge withdrew his motion.

Senator Morgan said that before any amendments were voted upon or the treaty itself was discussed, it was desirable to have further information as to what had been done during the recess of the Senate. If the provisions of the treaty had been carried out before the treaty had been ratified its was desirable to know why such action had been taken and by what authority.

Preparations are being made to enlarge the Richmond plant of the American Locomotive Works, at Richmond, Va., to almost double its present large capacity. The plant is now working day and night with a force of about 2,400 men. It has large orders for locomotives and will proceed to erect new buildings at once.

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WOMAN MURDERED FOR MONEY

Chloroformed For $1,000 Carried in Bag Around Her Waist.

Asbury Park, N. J., Dec. 14.—Physicians today found that chloroform was used to kill Mrs. Morris Naftal, the aged woman who was murdered and robbed in her apartments here. It was at first thought that she had been smothered to death by a heavy bed tick which was found over her face. Her husband and her four sons, who are making efforts to learn the identity of the murderers, announced today that $1,000 cash was secured from Mrs. Naftal. Mr. Naftal said his wife carried this amount in chamois bag attached to her clothing and that this bag was found empty. The woman's ears were badly lacerated by her asailants who violently tore a pair of diamond ear rings from her.

FOUR PERSONS WERE DROWNED.

Steamer Ran Into River Boat and Sunk Her With Crew.

Brownsville, Pa., Dec. 14.—Four persons were drowned in the Monongahela river to-day as result of the passenger steamer Rosehite colliding with the boar John F. Klein, in a heavy fog and sinking in 14 feet of water. All the dead were employed on the steamer as deck hands and were drowned while they slept. The boat carried 14 passengers, but all were botton to shore safely. The coal flats being towed by the John F. Klein, were sunk and a large hole was stove in the hull of the passenger steamer. Its captain, John S. Farddis, gave orders to run in short, but it sunk before this could be done.

NEW YORKER APES CRUMPACKER

Bill Introduced to Reduce Southern Representation in Congress.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Representative Bennettt, of New York, introduced a bill to-day to cut down the representation of Southern States in Congress because of the disfranchisement of the negro vote. The bill reduces the entire number of representatives from 386 to 351. The several States would have their delegations reduced as follows: Alabama from 9 to 5; Arkansas from 7 to 5; Florida from 3 to 2; Georgia from 11 to 6; Louisiana from 7 to 4; Mississippi from 8 to 3; North Carolina from 10 to 7; South Carolina from 7 to 3; Tennessee from 10 to 8; Texas from 16 to 13; Virginia from 10 to 7.

NEW BATTLESHIP A DAISY.

The Louisiana Made More Than 18 Knots For Four Hours.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 14.—The battleship Louisiana considerably exceeded her contract requirement of 18 knots an hour in a four hour endurance run along the New England coast today. An average speed of 18.823 knots an hour was maintained, the revolutions of her propellers being at the rate of 127.6 a minute. The run today was without special incident except for the almost perfect coal consumption under her boilers. The weather was fine and there was a fairly strong breeze over the starboard bow. The start was made from off Owl's Head shortly before 8 A. M., and at 9:25, when abreast of Monhegan, with everything working smoothly the run was begun. The vessel steamed at top speed for exactly four hours and when the run finished at 1:25 this afternoon the Louisiana was off Boon Island. The speed was then slackened and the batleship ran along easily, until Boston light was reached. At the light the trial board was taken off by tugs. The Louisiana kept on to the yard of her builders, the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company.

SHIP SUBSIDY BILL FAVORED.

Reported By Senate Committee on Commerce at Washington.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The Senate Committee on Commerce today took up the shipping bill of the Merchant Marine Commission and after considering it, ordered that it be favorably reported to the Senate. No substantial change was made in the bill. Senator Mallory signified that he would prepare a minority report not against the mail suventions to new lines which have been unanimously approved by the merchant marine commission, but against the proposed subventions at the rate of $5 per ton to tramp vessels, steam and sail.

Champion Joe Gans and Mike (Twin) Sullivan, signed articles Tuesday night at San Francisco to box twenty rounds next month at Woodwards pavilion. They will weigh in at 142 pounds. The fight will probably take place January 19. The men will divide 50 per cent. of the gross receipts, the winner to take 60 per cent. and the loser 40 per cent.

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TWO SIDES TO A QUESTION

I was in New York for a day with nothing to do, and to pass the time I strolled into the park. There was a balmy air coming up from the south, a cloudless blue sky, opening buds, the piping of nest building birds. Strolling down the mall, I met a perambulator, pushed by a negro boy, in which sat a young man of twenty-two or twenty-three years. As he passed me I noticed a melancholy look on his face which bespoke some great grief. To my surprise, he gave me a glance of recognition. Besides, his features were familiar to me. I turned, and he looked back.

"You don't remember me, colonel," he said.

"I admit I can't place you."

"Not remarkable since you have not seen me since I wore cadet gray, was clean shaven and had my hair cropped. You were teaching me the art of war, which in my case meant how to make a wreck of myself."

"You were of that class graduated in advance to take part in the Spanish war?"

"I was; Granger—Ward Granger."

Suddenly it all came back to me. This man had been one of the prominent men in his class, a cadet captain, an excellent student, an all round popular man.

"My dear boy," I exclaimed, taking his proffered hand, "I remember you perfectly for an honor to your class, and I know by your war record that you are an honor to your country."

"A retired honor, with no feet," he said gloomily.

A picture flashed before me—a "hop" at West Point. Granger was a graceful dancer, and I had noticed him especially sailing past me in all the freshness and confidence of youth with a beautiful girl to whom he was engaged to be married.

"Let me see," I said musingly. "It seems to me that you and Miss"—

"Towne?"

"Yes, Miss Towne."

"We were engaged when I went to Cuba. When I was sent back in this condition"— His voice trembled.

"Surely she did not"—

"She showed herself a noble girl. It was I who would not consent."

"You?"

"Yes, I," he went on bitterly. "Do you suppose I would permit a young girl of twenty to enter upon the care of a man condemned to live a cripple, to witness every day his wrecked hopes, to see him trundled about like this, to turn her course at the very beginning into a channel which must grow darker to the end? Not I. You never taught me that kind of honor, colonel."

"Yet how many women in their youth have wrecked their lives by marrying men perfect in bodily health, but lepers within! An imperfect body is better than a devilish soul."

"No woman would get herself in trouble marrying a devil if she knew it; no woman should knowingly take my burden, and no woman shall take it."

Though I made no reply, I felt that he was right.

"Is Miss Towne married?" I asked.

"No."

I sat down on a wooden bench. The negro went a short distance away, and Granger and I talked for an hour. Then I left him, bidding him goodby, for I had been ordered to a southern post and was to leave the next day.

A year later I received an envelope by mail from which I took cards announcing the marriage of Lieutenant Ward Leighton Granger, U. S. A., retired, and Helen Arline Towne. By the same mail came a letter from the bride:

Dear Colonel B.—Ward has asked me to write to you to "confess" what he calls his "shameful retreat" from the position taken by him at the time he last saw you. I bear witness that he maintained that position for a year, during which time I resolutely fought to carry it both by assault and undermining. He says he gave you his reasons, and it only remains for me to give you mine—viz, I could not live without him.

I laid the letter down with a sigh. I was sufficiently experienced to understand the burden this woman had taken on herself and considered her course and the yielding of her husband a mistake. I wrote a note of encouragement, but refrained from expressing any approval of the union.

Three years later while exchanging stations I passed through New York. I knew I ought to call on Ward Granger and his wife, but dreaded to do so, expecting, even after a few years, to see the effects of what I considered an unfortunate marriage. Nevertheless I called. I was ushered into the library and in a few minutes heard the thump of crutches above, then Granger coming downstairs. Beside him, holding with one hand to a crutch and with the other to the balusters, walked a boy of two years, chattering like a magpie. Mrs. Granger followed, admonishing her son to be careful and not get in his father's way. I advanced into the hall to meet them and at a glance saw that Granger was no longer a mental sufferer. His face broke into a happy smile, while his wife, also smiling, exclaimed:

"You thought we'd made a mistake, colonel, didn't you?"

"I—mistake—I assure you"—

"A nice letter of congratulation you sent us—cold as an icicle!"

"Admit, colonel," said the husband, "that if you were on a court martial to try me for a dishonorable surrender you'd convict me."

"And you'd convict me," said the wife, "of recklessness and stupidity."

"Madam," I replied, "I would sentence any woman for such an act to be shot, but in your case I would recommend a pardon and promotion to the highest rank." F. A. MITCHEL.

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Please take notice that a summons in the above cause has been issued and returnable before the undersigned on January 6, 1906, at 12 o'clock M. in a special proceeding to compel defendant to an accounting of her administration and to pay the creditors what may be payable to them respectively. Now all creditors of said Estate are required to appear before the undersigned on or before January 6th at 12 o'clock M. and file evidence of their claims or they will be prevented from sharing in the assets of said Estate, Nov. 25, 1905.

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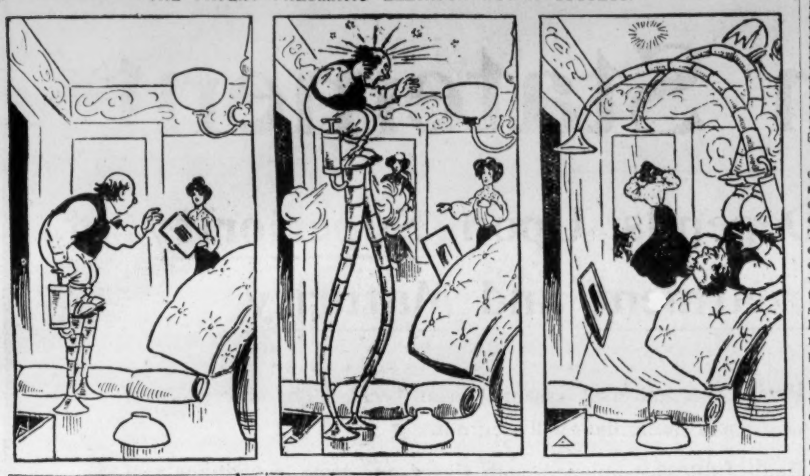

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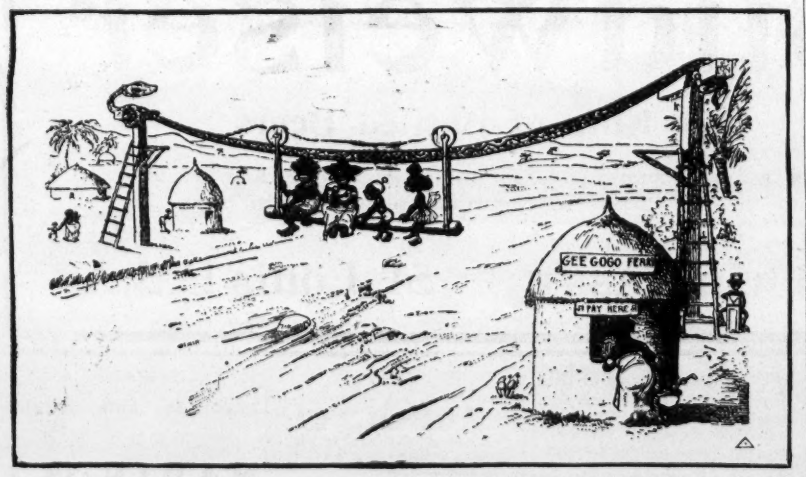

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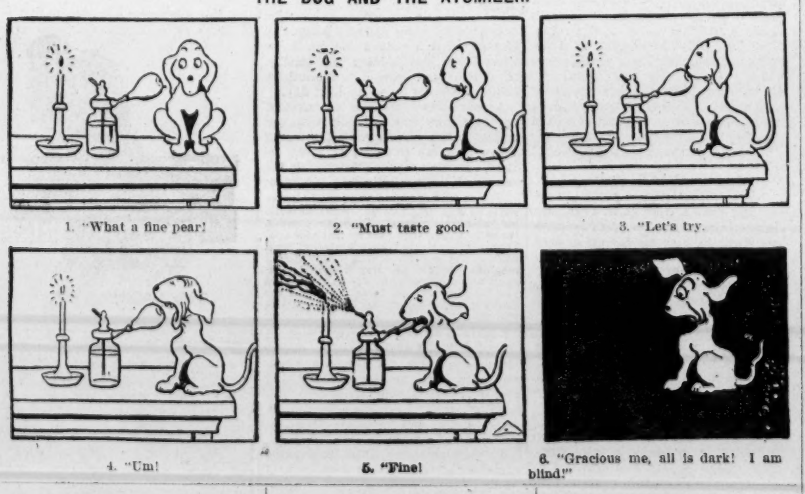

1. "What a fine pear!
2. "Must taste good.
3. "Let's try.
4. "Um!
5. "Fine!
6. "Gracious me, all is dark! I am blind!"

Such Is Love.

He—When I told Clarence I was going to propose to you he said he wished he was in my boots.

She—Oh, your boots are large enough, but wait till you have some experience with papa's.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Incredible.

"I hear one of the officers of your regiment is going to marry a rich American girl."

"Yes. What won't people do for the sake of money! There are people, in fact, who actually work for it."—Simplicissimus.

Of Some Use.

Wot's de use of de horizon? W'y, if it wasn't for de horizon de sea would slop out into de sky!—New York World.

For Love of The Major

By HENRY COLGATE

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Major Davis, paymaster, with headquarters at Fort Brady, was eating his supper at San Remo ranch, presided over by Apache Joe, one of the sleekest, slickest Mexicans in all the west. The sergeant and the troopers of his escort were frying their bacon at a campfire outside. While Jose, who waited on the officer, was away after the wine the major received a sudden shock. The handsomest Mexican girl he had ever seen softly entered the room, a finger on her lips, and whispered:

"Don't drink the wine, senor. It will be poisoned! Don't sleep in the house tonight. They come to rob and murder you!"

She was gone before the son of Mars could reach out and grasp her sleeve or utter a word in reply. He had stopped at the ranch several times before and knew that the girl was a regent arrival. Jose was back with the wine a minute after the girl has disappeared, but the officer waved him away, saying:

"It is kind of you, Jose, but not tonight. In the morning, perhaps, you may ask me to take a bottle along to Fort Reno and have the colonel sample it with me."

At 10 o'clock the major made excuse that he would rather sleep in his ambulance, which was provided with a cot, and at 11 all was quiet within and without the ranch. Within, however, the Mexican stood at one of the rear windows peering out into the darkness, waiting. Without, while all the escort except a single sentinel appeared to be sound asleep, every man's eyes were wide open and his carbine rested by his side.

At midnight to the minute Jose lighted the candle and passed it back and forth across the window a dozen times. Then, taking his revolver from a shelf, he softly quit the house, and after a walk of 300 feet he stood before six men crouched behind a giant cactus.

"They are asleep, the pigs," he whispered, "and it will need only one shot apiece to do for them. Come!"

Five minutes later seven border outlaws crept down to within ten feet of the sleeping men. The sentinel stood as one in a daze. The outlaws crept another foot, and the man on guard suddenly wheeled, firing his musket with deadly effect. His recumbent comrades sprang to their feet and poured in a volley which dropped three ruffians. The rest fled into the darkness with the fleetness of shadows, and it was hardly a minute later when the

"I WANT TO SEE THE SENOR DAVIS," SHE SAID.

coatless, hatless and vestless Jose burst out of the front door of the ranch with the exclamation:

"Who is it? What is it? I am here to die with the senor and his brave men!"

"We won't ask you, Jose, to do any dying for us tonight," grimly replied the major as he came forward. "In the morning after we are gone you may dig graves for those dead comrades of yours if you want to oblige us."

"My comrades, senor? God forbid! I never saw one of them before. I permit no bad men to hang about my place. The cursed dogs, to come sneaking upon you in the darkness to do murder!"

The Mexican tried to throw the ring of truth into his words, but as he had a bullet hole in his shirt and could still feel the skin smart where the lead had grazed it he did not make much of a success. Even when he went over and kicked one of the dead men nobody asked to shake hands with him.

The major ate his breakfast in the ranch house and sought to put Jose at his ease, his one object to get another sight of the girl whose warning had prevented a tragedy. For just five seconds she stood in the half open door and smiled at him, but before he could thank her she was gone.

This was the beginning of the major's "mash," as his regiment chose to call it. The officer would have been a boor not to follow it up at least to the point of having grateful speech with the girl. He rode to the ranch on purpose one day. Jose was fortunately away on a cattle stealing expedition, and his wife was in bed with the jumping toothache. Little did he learn from Pepita, however. She was a girl of eighteen, handsome and convent educated, but she shrouded herself in mystery, and he did not seek to break down her reserve. He expressed his deep gratitude and rode away, but as he galloped back to Fort Brady he was uncomfortably conscious that the girl admired him.

His wife had gone east, and he was not the man to enter into a flirtation in her absence. Once more he saw Pepita at the ranch as he rode on official business, and once she was found lingering around the fort as if to get speech with some one. Gossip filled in all the rest. It was a lonely, out of the world post, and there had to be gossip about some one or something. The major was guyed by his brother officers about the girl, and he knew that the rank and file were talking, but he went his way and said nothing. They would not know that he had offered to send the girl east, where his wife or his mother might provide for her.

Then one autumn night, when the gossip was at its height, the sentinel at the gate suddenly called for the corporal of the guard. It was dark and gusty, with falls of rain at intervals, but he had caught sight of a figure skulking about. The corporal made a dash through the darkness and laid his hands on a human being—on a woman! It was Pepita! Near at hand was the pony on which she had covered a distance of twenty-eight miles in the last four hours.

"I want to see the Senor Davis," she said as the corporal demanded her business.

"Oh, that's the game, eh?" chuckled the man to himself and winked at the sentinel through the darkness.

"At once, if you please."

"It's coming it pretty strong, little one, but it's not for me to interfere. Say, Pete, if we only had a paper to take this up, eh? Prominent officer mashed on a cussed good looking little greaser gal—rides out to chin-chin with her—she rides back to return his call—love—romance—elopement. Everything here for a first class novel."

"With death in it if you insult me further!" said Pepita as she drew a dagger and menaced him.

"A kitten with claws, eh? Put up that frog sticker and come along with me."

The girl was conducted to Major Davis' quarters and remained for half an hour. Then she rode away. She was hardly outside the gate when a silent alarm brought the men out of barracks to fall in. A quarter of an hour later they had manned the defenses and were waiting for Red Cloud and his 600 warriors to attack. When the rush was made the famous chief was beaten for the first time in his life, and there were only 485 warriors to escort him back to his village. Had he come an hour earlier not a man or woman in Fort Brady would have escaped the tomahawk.

"It was the little Mexican gal that gave the reds away," explained soldier to soldier. And the tongue of gossip was silent.

In the morning, when the soldiers pushed out here and there to gather up the sulky wounded and the silent dead, two of them came across a sight that was not pleasant to see.

They covered the figure, beautiful even in death, in tender but soldiery fashion and carried her to Major Davis' quarters. Then they withdrew and left those two alone, the tall, fair man in his stern uniform; the tall, silent woman, with the peaceful smile frozen on her lips. The man bent over and kissed those lips—for the first time.

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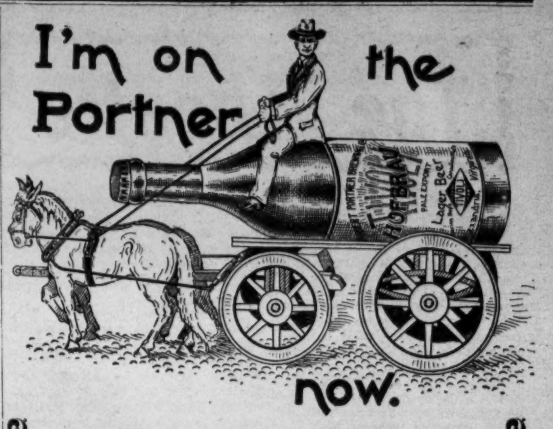

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1.30 P. M.	2.15 P. M.
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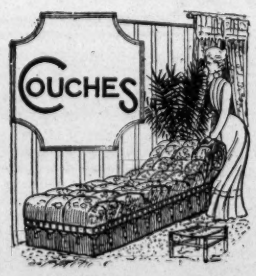

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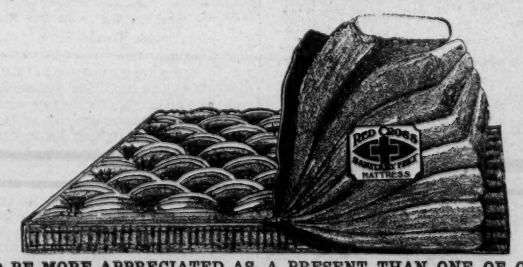

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

—A fire on last Friday in the Miscassett Mill at Albemarle, caused about $10,000 damage. Sixty bales of cotton were burned, and some machinery was badly damaged.

—Maxton Scottish Chief: A new series of the Laurinburg B. & L. Association begins Saturday, January 6th. The association is steadily growing under the present management, and is now stronger than ever before.

—At Kinston on Friday Dr. F. A. Whitaker suffered an accident whereby he had two ribs broken. After taking a bath he started to step from the porcelain bath tub when his feet slipped and he fell on his side across the edge of the bath tub, breaking two of his ribs.

—Mr. Albert Cathey, of Davidson, has been to Washington to secure a patent on an invention which he thinks will do away with the necessity of the Panama Canal. It is a device for lifting ships from the water and transporting them on a steel railway track run on ball bearings.

—Secretary Root's recommendation for the removal of eighty-nine American consuls who have been loafing on their jobs is a blow to political traditions. The man who is willing to work for a living seldom seeks a consulship.—Washington Post.

—Clarkton Express: This from Westbrook is another evidence of Bladen's fertile soil: "Mr. T. N. Maultsby raised 200 bushels of ruta bagas of 3-4 of an acre. Some of the finest I have ever seen. Three turnips weighed 26 pounds—nearly 1-2 bushel. A great many of them will weigh 8 pounds, some 8 3-4.

—A dispatch from Pittsboro on Friday says: A report received from the chemist at the State University late this evening discloses the fact that arsenic was found in the stomach and liver of Mrs. Emeline Pattaschall and her daughter, Jocy, who died under peculiar circumstances in lower Chatham about three weeks ago. The facts will be laid before the proper authorities by the county officials. No poison was found in the apple. The supposition is that the arsenic was in the coffee which they drank for supper.

—Charlotte Observer, Dec. 16th: The new electric car line to North Charlotte will be formally opened this afternoon, the first car taking the trip at that time. The new line extends past Highland Park Manufacturing Company No. 3, and the Mecklenburg Mills to Sixty-Eighth street, which is about three miles from Independence Square, the center of Charlotte. North Charlotte, less than four years ago a corn and cotton field, is now a thriving suburban settlement of nearly 5,000 souls. The new car line will be a paying investment, notwithstanding the fact that it was built at a great cost.

—Statesville Mascot: The different papers of the State have been boasting of the cotton made in their respective counties. If we mistake not, Rowan was in the lead with 1900 pounds, but Mr. J. W. Lentz, who lives near Amity, this county has got him beat by 300 pounds, having picked 2,200 pounds from an acre. This is something over 700 pounds of lint cotton which comes to nearly $90. This is pretty good profit. A gentleman who was in our office to-day said that his cotton crop had paid him $50 a month for his work on the farm. That was after all expenses was paid and not counting his other crops.

—Wilson Times: Dec. 15th: Wade Lyon, colored, does not now reside reside near Whitakers. A few days ago, he asked a white lady, who was driving along the road to give him a ride. She reported him to her husband and friends. They went to see Lyon, and gave him a severe whipping. There it is said that the matter would have ended, but Lyon made threats about what he intended to do for his assailants, so he was notified if he was found in the county in 24 hours, he would regret it. Lyons heeded the warning and left. It is said that a large posse had agreed to pay the man a visit, but learning that he had gone, the matter was dropped.

—A Winston-Salem dispatch on Friday says: "Does the American Tobacco Company own the Wells-Whitehead cigarette manufacturing plant at Wilson?" This question was propounded to President R. C. Briggs, of the Wells-Whitehead Company, this afternoon by counsel for the plaintiff in the $15,000 damage suit instituted by the Winston Cigarette Machine Company against the Wilson concern, now being hear in Forsyth Superior Court. Mr. Briggs admitted that he had had negotiations with representatives of the American Tobacco Company and said that a controlling interest in the business was sold to W. M. Carter, but he did not know for whom Mr. Carter bought it. Mr. Briggs said he was president of the Wells-Whitehead Company and, when asked if he did not make daily or weekly reports to the American Tobacco Company, replied that he did not; that if such were done it would be the duty of the secretary of the Wilson Company. The plaintiffs asked for damages for failure on the part of the Wells-Whitehead Company to exhibit and operate a Winston cigarette machine at the St. Louis exposition.

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Announcements by Wilmington Pastors for City Pulpits To-day.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Odd Fellows' building, second floor: Services at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Subject of Lesson sermon: "Christian Science." All are invited.

St. Thomas church: First Mass, 7 A. M. High Mass, Sermon, 10:30 A. M. Vespers, 7:45 P. M.

Brooklyn Baptist church, corner Fourth and Brunswick streets, Rev. J. A. McKaughan, pastor: Preaching by the pastor at 11 A. M. and at 7:30 P. M. Sunday School, 3:30 P. M. Wednesday night prayer meeting at 8 o'clock. Public cordially invited.

St. John's church, Rev. J. Carmichael, D. D., rector: 3rd Sunday in Advent; Morning prayer and sermon, 11 o'clock; Sunday School at 3:45 P. M. Seats free; strangers especially invited.

St. Matthew's English Lutheran church, North Fourth street, Rev. C. W. Kegley, pastor: Sunday School at 10 A. M.; Preaching at 11 A. M. Vesper services, 7:30 P. M. Young People's Society Thursday at 8 P. M. Every person welcome.

St. Paul's Lutheran church, corner of Sixth and Market streets, Rev. W. A. Snyder, pastor; Third Sunday in Advent, English service at 11 A. M. English vesper service at 7:30 P. M. theme: "The Destiny of Man." Sunday School, 3:30 P. M. A cordial welcome to all.

Grace church, corner Fourth and Grace streets, Rev. N. M. Watson, preacher in charge: Preaching at 11 A. M. Topic: "The Call of Christ for Strong, Brave Men," and 8 P. M. "Christ's Estimate of the Value of Man." Sunday School, 3:30 P. M.; Prayer meeting Wednesday, 8 P. M. Epworth League, Friday, 7:30 P. M.

St. James' Church: Holy Communion at 11 A. M.; Sunday School, 3:45 P. M.; Evening Prayer, 5 P. M.

Chapel of the Good Sheperd: Lay service with sermon, 11 A. M. Evening prayer and sermon, 7:30 P. M.

The men's meeting at the Boy's Brigade Armory this afternoon at 5 o'clock is expected to be a large one. Mr. John Sholar, of Second street, a very well known and popular member of the Fifth Street Methodist church, is to be the speaker and Mrs. Muse the soloist, with Mr. Alf. Yopp at the piano.

Rev. F. A. Bishop will preach at Market Street M. E. church at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.

Elder Thomas Clark, of Fremont, will preach at the Primitive Baptist church, on Castle, between Fifth and Sixth streets, Sunday at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Rates via Seaboard Account of Christmas Holidays.

The Seaboard begs to announce that during the Christmas holidays they will participate in the sale of tickets at reduced rates under the following rules and regulations.

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Rate of one and one-third first-class fares, plus twenty-five (25) cents, (minimum rate fifty (50) cents) to all points east of the Mississippi and south of the Ohio and Potomac rivers, including Washington, D. C., and to St. Louis, Mo., and intermediate points on the Frisco System, Louisville and Nashville R. R., Illinois Central R. R., Mobile and Ohio R. R., and the Southern railway.

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Incorporated.

North Carolina, Pender County. In the Superior Court, Pender County. O. P. Johnson, on behalf of himself and all other stockholders and creditors who come in and make themselves parties plaintiff vs. The Burgaw Manufacturing Company. Notice to creditors.

Pursuant to an order of the Superior Court issued herein, this is to notify all creditors of the Burgaw Manufacturing Company, a corporation, to file their respective claims, duly proven as the law provides, with the undersigned receivers of said corporation on or before Monday, the 8th day of January, 1906, or they will be denied the right to participate in the assets of said corporation.

This the 4th day of December, 1905.

W. D. CROOM,
L. V. GRADY,
Receivers of the Burgaw Manufacturing Company.
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Seeded Raisins

Currents and Citron,

Fresh Spices.

All the necessaries for fruit cake.

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10,000 Sags Salt.

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Atlantic Coast Line

Schedule in Effect, October 8, 1905.

NORTHBOUND.

	No. 48	No. 42
Lv. Wilmington	9 25 a m	6 50 p m
Ar. Goldsboro	12 15 p m	9 32 p m
Ar. Wilson	1 16 p m	10 25 p m
Ar. Rocky Mount	1 35 p m	11 10 p m
Ar. Norfolk	5 55 p m	.....
Ar. Weldon	4 58 p m	1 47 a m
Ar. Petersburg	6 55 p m	3 23 a m
Ar. Richmond	8 45 p m	4 07 a m
Ar. Washington	11 50 p m	7 54 a m
Ar. Baltimore	1 42 a m	9 09 a m
Ar. Philadelphia	4 25 a m	11 22 a m
Ar. New York	7 30 a m	2 00 p m

SOUTHBOUND.

	No. 41	No. 43
Lv. New York	9 35 a m	1 25 p m
Ar. Philadelphia	11 05 a m	12 01 a m
Ar. Baltimore	2 07 p m	2 32 a m
Ar. Washington	3 21 p m	3 45 a m
Ar. Norfolk	.....	8 40 a m
Lv. Richmond	7 25 p m	9 05 a m
Ar. Petersburg	8 05 p m	9 45 a m
Ar. Weldon	9 51 p m	11 44 a m
Ar. Rocky Mount	11 00 p m	1 10 p m
Ar. Wilson	11 32 p m	2 05 p m
Ar. Goldsboro	6 58 a m	3 10 p m
Ar. Wilmington	10 05 a m	6 00 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND THE SOUTH SOUTHBOUND.

	Daily	Daily.	Daily. via Wilson
Lv Wilmington	6 00 am	3 45 pm	6 50 pm
Ar Florence	9 35 am	7 40 pm	3 55 am
Ar Charlest'n	1 20 pm	11 40 pm	6 50 am
Ar Savannah	6 45 pm	2 50 am	9 05 am
Ar Jacksville		8 40 am	1 45 pm
Ar Tampa		6 55 pm	11 00 pm

NORTHBOUND.

	Daily.	Daily.
Lv. Tampa	8 40 p m	9 00 a m
Ar. Jacksonville	7 55 a m	7 00 p m
Ar. Savannah	12 55 p m	1 15 a m
Lv. Charleston	4 15 p m	6 15 a m
Ar. Florence	7 25 p m	9 25 a m
Ar. Wilmington	11 45 p m	1 40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD.

	West Bound Daily.	East Bound Daily.
Lv. Wilmington	9 10 a m	Ar. 4 00 p m
Ar. Fayetteville	12 20 p m	Ar. 4 55 p m
Ar. Sanford	1 55 p m	Lv. 3 40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND NEWBERN.

	N. Bound Daily ex Sun.	South Bound.
Lv. Wilmington	2 25 p m	Ar. 12 20 p m
Ar. Newbern	5 40 p m	Lv. 9 10 a m

Trains Nos. 42 and 41 carry Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington connecting with Pennsylvania R. R. for all points east.

W. J. CRAIG,
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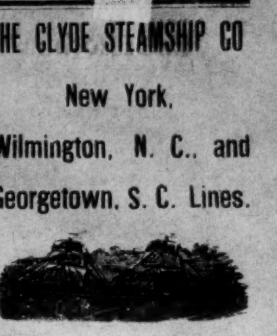

From New York for Wilmington.

S. S. Navahoe ..... Friday, Dec. 15
S. S. New York ..... Friday, Dec. 22

From Wilmington for New York.

S. S. New York .... Saturday, Dec. 16
S. S. Navahoe ..... Saturday, Dec. 23

From Wilmington for Georgetown.

S. S. Navahoe ..... Monday, Dec. 18
S. S. New York ..... Monday, Dec. 25

Both steamers have good passenger accommodation.

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Atlantic & North Carolina R. R

LOCAL PASSENGER SCHEDULE.

Effective, Dec. 10, 1905.

EASTERN TIME.

EASTBOUND	No. 1 Daily A. M.	No. 3. Daily Daily P. M.
Lv. Goldsboro	8.00	3.40
" Best's	8.21	4.01
" LaGrange	8.32	4.13
" Falling Creek	8.42	4.25
" Kinston	8.56	4.40
" Caswell	9.13	4.52
" Dover	9.23	5.02
" Cove	9.41	5.16
" Tuscarora	9.51	5.26
Ar. Newbern	10.10	5.48
Lv. Newbern	10.15	5.56
" Riverdale	10.34	6.18
" Croatan	10.38	6.22
" Havelock	10.50	6.35
" Newport	11.06	6.52
" Wildwood	11.12	6.58
" Mansfield	11.16	7.02
Ar. Morehead City	11.30	7.20
" Morehead City Depot	11.40	7.30
	A. M.	P. M.
" Beaufort (BMC&OSSCo)	12.20	8.10

WESTBOUND	No. 3 Daily A. M.	No. 4 Daily P. M.
Lv. Beaufort (BMC&OSSCo)	7.00	3.25
" Morehead City Depot	7.40	4.15
" Morehead City	7.50	4.22
" Mansfield	8.01	4.33
" Wildwood	8.05	4.37
" Newport	8.11	4.43
" Havelock	8.27	4.59
" Croatan	8.39	5.11
" Riverdale	8.43	5.15
Ar. Newbern	9.05	5.40
Lv. Newbern	9.10	5.48
" Tuscarora	9.31	6.10
" Cove	9.41	6.20
" Dover	9.53	6.36
" Caswell	10.08	6.46
" Kinston	10.22	7.00
" Falling Creek	10.35	7.13
" LaGrange	10.47	7.26
" Best's	10.58	7.37
Ar. Goldsboro	11.20	7.55

Trains Nos. 1 and 4 connect at Goldsboro with Atlantic Coast Line trains as follows: No. 41, southbound; No. 42, northbound, and with Southern Railway trains Nos. 111, westbound, and No. 136, eastbound.

Trains Nos. 2 and 3 connect at Goldsboro with Southern Railway trains as follows: No. 108, eastbound; No. 135, westbound, and with Atlantic Coast Line trains as follows: No. 43, sounthbound, and No. 48, northbound.

Pullman Sleeping Car and Parlor Car service has been discontinued for the season. H. E. L. BUNCH,
de12-tf Traffic Manager.

STATEMENT.

Report of the Condition of The Southern National Bank, at Wilmington, in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business, November 9, 1905:

Resources.

Loans and Discounts		$255,340.57
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation		200,000.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds.		7,500.00
Banking house, furniture, and fixtures		4,738.14
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	$53,497.24	
Due from State Banks and Bankers	42,329.63	
Due from approved reserve ag'ts.	47,130.03	
Checks and other cash items	3,191.52	
Notes of other National Banks.	52,644.00	
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents..	288.11	199,080.53
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz.:		
Specie	$17,425	
Legal-tender notes..	6,000	23,425.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation)		6,250.00
Total		$696,334.24

Liabilities.

Capital stock paid in		$200,000.00
Surplus fund		24,110.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid..		2,204.87
National Bank notes outstanding		200,000.00
Due to other National Banks.	$56,322.07	
Due to State Banks and Bankers	92,257.36	
Due to Trust Companies and Savings Banks	22,712.99	
Due to approved reserve agents.	270.37	
Individual deposits subject to check	98,174.84	
Cashier's checks outstanding	281.74	270,019.37
Total		$696,334.24

State of North Carolina, County of New Hanover, ss.:

I, C. N. Evans, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

C. N. EVANS, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of November, 1905.

C. E. TAYLOR, JR.,
Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:
MATT J. HEYER,
D. L. GORE,
JNO. A. ARRINGDALE,
Directors.

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with a policy of insurance.

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Dec 5-tf.

The Morning Star.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

Sunday Morning, December 17.

Entered as second-class matter at the postoffice at Wilmington, N. C., under the act of Congress of March 3, 1879.

REVOLUTIONARY UTTERANCES.

Isle of Pines People Offered Money and Men to Resist Cuba.

By Cable to The Morning Star.

Havana, Dec. 16.—President Reynard of the Isle of Pines Association in a letter to the Associated Press says:

"The last mails from the United States brought additional guarantee to $40,000 in cash and of men and all the ammunition needed to defend our rights and uphold the American flag in this Isle. This makes $200,000 cash, 60,000 men and all the munition needed should we elect to resort to force in maintaining American sovereignty in this territory."

Secretary Andrade, when shown the above letter was apparently undisturbed. He said the Untied States doubtless could be depended upon to prevent the embarkation of men and munitions of war for the Isle of Pines. Asked whether he regarded Mr. Reynard's letter as grounds for prosecution, the secretary said it was a matter for the courts to decide, saying that the government would pay no attention to such statements.

Charles Reynard, president of the Isle of Pines Association, forward today by the advice of his attorneys a letter in reply to Secretary of State Root's communication of November 17th in which the secretary outlined to Mr. Reynard the attitude of the U. S. government to the proposal to form a territorial government in the island as part of the United States. Mr. Reynard contradicts Mr. Root's statement that the Isle of Pines is lawfully subject to the Cuban government and says the Cuban republic exists solely by virtue of a constitution, the terms of which explicitly exclude the Isle of Pines from the domain of the Republic. The Platt amendment passed by the United States Congress, he says, also remains in force until it is repealed or modified, and every officer of the American government, no matter how he is bound under its terms to consider the Isle of Pines outside the Cuban control and jurisdiction, personal opinions of such officers to the contrary notwithstanding, the latter says that Secretary Root's opinion as to the validity of the claim of the United States to the Isle of Pines is opposed to the opinions of President McKinkley, Secretary of State Hay and Governor General Leonard Wood, and it quotes some official acts and remarks to prove this.

The latter regrets that Mr. Root, as Secretary of War, permitted such acts and neglect and disobedience and adds that "Mr. Root, in opposition to the expressed wishes of Secretary of State Hay insisted upon the negotiation of a treaty and abandoning any claim to the Isle of Pines to Cuba, thus covering and concealing illegal acts and omissions of the Department of the Government for which you were then responsible."

He says the petitioners believe when an opinion is given to demonstrate the correctness of their position at Washington, that "President Roosevelt will enforce the law relating to the ownership of the Isle of Pines as faithfully as he enforces other laws."

In conclusion Mr. Reynard professes astonishment that the Secretary of State in siding "against who are defending their lawfully acquired interests in American territory, "and deeply regret that" for the first time in American history a Secretary of State is anxious to abandon American territory and American citizens to alien and lawless government for no consideration and for motives which he seems unwilling to disclose.

CLEARING HOUSE STATEMENT.

Financial Situation in New York at Close of Business.

By Wire to The Morning Star.

New York, Dec. 16.—The weekly statement of the clearing house banks for this week showed that the banks hold a surplus over the legal reserve requirements of $39,610,015. Last week there was a deficit of $1,248,525.

Loans, $1,004,544,000; decrease, $1,147,560.

Deposits, $983,888,500; decrease, $8,347,100.

Circulation, $53,060,700; decrease, $208,000.

Legal tenders, $75,714,100; increase, $2,428,000.

Specie, $174,219,100; increase, $892,900.

Reserve, $249,933,200; increase, $3,120,800.

Reserves required, $245,927,125; decrease, $2,086,800.

Surplus, $3,961,075; increase, $5,206,600.

Ex-U. S. deposits, $6,112,475; increase, $5,216,925.

WARM WIRELETS.

The New York contributions to the relief fund for Russian sufferers yesterday reached a total of $1,172,639.

President Roosevelt yesterday sent the Senate the nomination of Fred A. Busse, to be psotmaster at Chicago, and it was confirmed by the Senate.

The New York appellate division of the Supreme Court decided yesterday that a man cannot be deprived of his vote even though some one else has already voted fraudulently under his name.

In London yesterday the famous Whistler portrait of the late Sir Henry Irving asking Philippi of Spain, was sold at auction for $25,200. Sargent's portrait of Ellen Terry as Lady Macbeth realized $26,300. The Whistler picture comes to America.

The difficulty between Germany and Brazil, growing out of the kidnapping of Steinhoff, reported to be a German deserter of Itajahy, has been satisfactorily adjusted, according to advices received at the German embassy in Washington.

A dispatch from Washington says: "A whipping post for the District of Columbia will be established if Congress should enact a measure which Representative Adams, of Pennsylvania, has introduced. Mr. Adams talked to the President yesterday about the bill, and at the conclusion of his interview quoted the President as being heartily in favor of the passage of the measure."

IN THE ICY GRIP OF SEVERE STORM

Immense Damage at Greensboro, Danville, Richmond and All Along Virginia Coast

WIRES DOWN EVERYWHERE

Many Towns and Cities Cut Off from Communication With Outside World—Ships Tied Up in Hampton Roads.

By Wire to the Morning Star.

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 15.—Practically isolated from the outside world, Greensboro has been in the grip of one of the worst sleet storms, for the past forty-eight hours, it has experienced for years. Telegraphic and telephonic communication was cut off for the best part of the day, due to broken wires and falling poles. This damage was temporarily repaired late this afternoon and all wires were in fair working order before midnight. Inestimable damage was done to trees and foliage crushed beneath the weight of icy tendrils. Street car service was seriously hampered and a general discomfiture ensued.

Lynchburg Cut Off .

Lynchburg, Va., Dec. 16.—Except for a single wire to Danville and another to Washington, Lynchburg was cut off by telegraph communication this morning with the North and South on account of a sleet storm last night The 200 linemen at work here on a new system are restoring the circuits. Many of them went to Greensboro, N. C., where the worst of the storm appears to have been experienced.

Danville Suffers Severely.

Danville, Va., Dec. 16.—The sleet storm experienced in this section today was the most disastrous in years, entailing upon the telephone and telegraph companies damages of thousands of dollars. Danville tonight is without any communication to any points South.

Richmond Without Fire Alarm.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 16.—Richmond has been under a very heavy coating of ice since yesterday and telegraph and telephone wires are falling all over the city. Every policeman in the city and every fireman including the regular reserves and call men are on duty to-night. The fire alarm system is a wreck except in the business section of the city where wires are underground. Richmond is almost wholly cut off from telegraph and telephone communication with the North and South.

Damage on Virginia Coast.

Newport News, Va., Dec. 16.—Tidewater Virginia is in the grasp of the most severe storm of the Winter and shipping around Hampton Roads is practically tied up. This port, Norfolk and Hampton Roads are crowded with storm-bound craft of every description and but few vessels braved the storm that ranges outside of the Virginia capes. Norfolk is practically isolated to-night as all telegraph leading out of that city, except the government line to Cape Henry, and the life saving line along the Virginia and Carolina coast, are cut off and it is impossible to ascertain the fate of several vessels that were reported in distress at Cape Henry to-day. The tide here to-night is the highest in many years and a number of docks are flooded.

The government wharf at Old Point is completely submerged and all traffic between that place and Chesapeake Bay points is suspended. It is reported that a part of the Old Point wharf has been carried away. The Swedish steamer Norman, Captain Anderson, loaded with a cargo of coal, put to sea this afternoon for Havana, Cuba, and shipping men here fear for her safety when she attempt to pass the treacherous Virginia-Carolina coasts. Nothing can be learned of the fate of the barquentine White Wing which was today reported dragging her anchor off the Cape Henry Life Saving Station. It is reported that the oystering vessels in James river have suffered severely from the storm, that a number of them have foundered.

LAWYER HAMILTON'S REPORT.

He Will Stay In Paris But Communicates Through McCall.

By Cable to The Morning Star.

Paris, Dec. 16.—John A. McCall, son of John A. McCall, president of the New York Life Insurance Company, who came to Paris for the purpose of having Andrew Hemilton, the former confidential legislative representative of insurance at Albany, sailed alone to-day on the steamer Latouraine from Havre. Mr. McCall took with him Mr. Hamilton's report concerning his connection with the insurance company's affairs. The following statement was furnished from an authoritative source:

"Mr. McCall found upon his arrival here that Mr. Hamilton was under the care of Dr. Riviere, a famous specialist. The doctor stated after some days that the trip Mr. Hamilton contemplated and his return to active business would surely be followed by a serious illness. Therefore absolute rest for several months will be necessary. In lieu of his return, Mr. Hamilton has prepared and sent a full and explicit statement covering his connection with the affairs of the insurance company."

It is understood that Mr. Hamilton's response to the legislative committee goes over the entire ground of the investigation. Mr. McCall and Mr. Hamilton declined to go into details of the report on the ground of discourtesy to the committee.

EXPLOSION IN DYNAMITE HOUSE

One Man Killed and Several Injured in British Columbia.

By Wire to The Morning Star.

Rossland, B. C., Dec. 16.—By an explosion of dynamite this afternoon in the thawing house of the War Eagle and Center Star Mines, John S. Ingraham, who was in charge of the thawer, was killed, several other men at the mines were more or less seriously injured by the shock and many persons were cut by falling glass and broken window panes. A sub-station of the electric light plant was wrecked and the town is in darkness to-night.

IN THE HOUSE AND SENATE

Bill Providing Urgency Appropriation For Panama Canal—Insurance—Wide Discussion.

By Wire to The Morning Star.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The House indulged itself again today to the extent of four hours, of what was many times termed an academy discussion of Federal control of insurance. It was the fourth day of the debate and the interest of members had appreciably diminished. Democratic contention for States' rights predominated in the oratory. The Republicans confined themselves more to the committee reference which should be made of the subject of insurance in the President's message. On this, many views were expressed. None of them, however, supported the pending proposition to send the subject to the Ways and Means Committee.

During the latitude permitted by debate, a protective tariff was inveighed against by Mr. Hardwick, of Georgia. He said the value of the property of his State was $400,000,000, that Rockefeller could buy it twice over; Rockefeller was a product of the protective tariff.

Mr. Sullivan, of Massachusetts, paid his respects to President Roosevelt, by stating that he did not believe him infallable, either in his saw, his State policy or in his recollection of conversations with distinguished visitors.

The discussion finally was concluded by Mr. Finley, of South Carolina, who spoke against Federal control of insurance.

The holiday recess was fixed from next Thursday to January 4th.

For the purpose of bringing out information showing the existence of a civil pension list, the House asked the President for the number of civil employes of the government who have reached the age of 70 years.

The Senate.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The Senate today passed the Panama Canal Emergency Appropriation bill, but the result was not attained until after the debate on the bill had been continued the greater part of the day, to the exclusion of practically all other business. Set speeches were made by Mr. Bacon in advocacy of his amendment requiring estimates for canal commission salaries, by Senators Allison who devoted himself largely to the details, by Senator Culberson, who criticised the employment of Mr. Bishop as a "press agent," by Senator Stone, who criticised the purchase of American ships to carry Panama supplies in face of announced determination to go abroad for vessels, under the conditions then existing, and by Mr. Newlands who expressed the opinion that the construction of the canal should have been entrusted to the geological survey.

A substitute for Mr. Bacon's amendment, offered by Mr. Hale, was accepted. It specifically requires that Congress shall be supplied with a regular estimate of all salaries except those paid to laborers, skilled and unskilled. Otherwise the bill was passed as reported from committee. During the day Mr. Hale made the authorized announcement that Mr. Bishop's duties as a "press agent' would be discontinued.

THE TRAGEDY AT GAFFNEY, S. C.

The Second Victim of Hotel Man Died Yesterday.

By Wire to The Morning Star

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 16.—Abbott Davison, of New York, star comedian in the "Nothing But Money" theatrical company, who was wounded by George Hasty, proprietor of a hotel at Gaffney, yesterday, died early this evening. Milan Bennett, musical director of the same company was also killed by Hasty. The shooting resulted from an alleged insult offered by Hasty to two actresses of the company.

The litle city of Gaffney is greatly aroused over the double tragedy and everything possible was done for the comfort of Davison. The Masons and Knights of Pythias, organizations to which Davison belonged, will send delegations with the body to its destination.

HEAD-ON COLLISION IN FLORIDA

Three Men Killed and Several Were Injured.

By Wire to The Morning Star.

Orlando, Fla., December 16.—A head on collision occured at Plymouth about 16 miles from here this morning, resulting in the death of Engineer Lambert and John Lusadder, fireman, and John James, a colored fireman on the other train, and the injuring of mail agent Burlack. This afternoon a special train came with the bodies of the dead and injured train men. Engineer Porter is badly hurt and may die. Engineer Lambert died on the train before reaching this city. Mail Agent Burlack's injuries are serious but he may recover. Fireman Luzadder and Fireman James were instantly killed. A misunderstanding of orders is said to have been the cause of the disaster.

TRAIN CAUGHT IN TUNNEL.

Landslide Disastrous Near Chattanooga Caused by Excessive Rains.

By Wire to The Morning Star.

Cincinnati, Dec. 16.—General Manager Garrell of the Queen and Crescent says that the delay to the traffic at Tunnel No. 27 reported last night from Chattanooga was not the result of a cave in of the tunnel but a landslide which caught train No. 4 just after it had passed through the tunnel on its way north. The drawbar between the two engines was broken but the train was safely extricated. The landslide is believed to have been causd by recent heavy rains. The tunnel is said to be intact and tracks have been entirely cleared of obstruction.

RECOVERED AFTER SIX MONTHS

Body Floated Out to Sea From Georgia River.

Albany, Ga., Dec. 16.—After having been in the water for six months, the body of Engineer Elijah Pate, of this city, who was killed with two others at the Columbia, Ala., drawbridge in a wreck, has been recovered at Apalachicola, Florida. The remains of Engineer Pate drifted to the sea where the body was found. It has been positively identified and will be brought here for interment.

ARMY IN REVOLT IN MANCHURIA

Count Witte's Task to Bring Order Out of Anarchy is in Vain

PLOT TO KIDNAP PREMIER

Revolutionaries Issue Manifesto Aimed at Bankrupting Government—Manchuria Army in Revolt.

By Cable to The Morning Star.

St. Petersburg, Friday, December 15—(Morning) via Eydtkuhnen, East Prussia, Dec. 16.—The proletarial organizations through the invisible government "threw a bomb" into the camp of the official government during the night, issuing a manifesto, following the form of a regular imperial document, declaring the bankruptcy of the treasury, ordering the proletarial army everywhere to refuse to pay taxes of any description, to insist on the payment of wages in gold or silver, and to withdraw all their deposits from the savings banks in gold.

The manifesto is a terrible indictment of the manner in which the bureaucracy has brought the country to financial ruin, asserting that the government has squandered not only the country's income but the proceeds of the foreign loans on reserves, the army and the fleet, leaving the people without schools or railroads. It is declared there is no money to feed the soldiers and everywhere there are insurrections of the beggar and starved troops and the sailors. The manifesto even charges the government with using the deposits in the government savings banks to speculate on the Bourse and with covering up its chronic deficits in the interest on the immense debt by the proceeds of the foreign loans which are at last exhausted. The rich, it is further declared, have already taken warning and are converting their property into securities and gold and are sending them abroad. The only salvation for the country, according to the manifesto is the overthrow of the autocracy by a constituent assembly and "the sooner the government falls the better. Therefore, the last source of existence of the old regime, its financial revenue, must be stopped."

The document is signed by the members of the workmen's council committee of the Pan-Russian union and the central committees of the social democrats, social revolutionists and the Socialists of Poland.

This great step of the revolutionaries which throws down the guage of battle to the government was prepared with such secrecy that the authorities were taken off their guard and did not even attempt to prevent its publication in the newspapers. The revolutionary leaders expect it will be followed by reprisals and arrests but all this has been foreseen. The leaders laid their plans deeply before issuing the manifesto. New committees of the various organizations have been placed in the third and fourth degree. If one set of committees is put behind the bars another will take its place and carry on the work.

The League of Leagues was not asked to join in the manifesto, being regarded with some jealousy by the proletarial organizations which claim to be bearing the brunt of the revolution and to be entitled to the fruits thereof.

The proletarial leaders claim to have absolute knowledge that the government has just issued $125,000,000 in paper money. Under the provisions of the press law the editors of every paper which printed the manifesto has rendered himself liable to eight months imprisonment and $1,500 fine. Now must come the test of the government's power. It develops that among the papers of M. Krustaliff, the president of the executive committee of the workmen's council, seized at the time of his arrest, were documents which furnish evidence of a well planned conspiracy to seize and carry off Premier Witte.

Manchurian Army In Revolt.

New York, Dec. 16.—A cable dispatch to The World dated St. Petersburg, December 14, via Helsingfors, Finland, December 15, says:

"I cannot combat the growl and spread of revolutionary movement in the army, already more than half mutinous," General Linnevitch telegraphed from Manchuria. The reserves demand to be sent home immediately and refuse to take paper money. Telegraph instructions. Urgent."

The greatest secrecy is thrown over the government's answer to Linevitch which was sent via Vladivostok.

Warships Sent to Riga.

St. Petersburg (Undated) via Eydtkuhnen, Dec. 16.—The battleship Slava and the mining cruiser Abeck have been despatched to Riga.

Soldiers Kill Twelve.

Berlin, Dec. 16.—A dispatch to the Lokal Anzeiger from Riga dated Wednesday, December 13, via a ship to Reval, thence by messenger to St. Petersburg and courier to Eydkthunen, East Prussia, today says:

"Lithuanian workmen today attempted to force their way into the electric light power house which was occupied by troops. A volley was fired into the crowd, killing 12 men. All the factories employes are striking. Business is suspended. The Lithuanian revolutionists hold every approach to the town. Many plunderings have occurred."

SENATORIAL COMMITTEES.

Two North Carolina Senators Given Important Places.

By Wire to the Morning Star.

Washington, Dec 16.—Democratic Senators in caucus to-day aproved the action of their steering committees in filling committee vacancies. The important appointments are:

Appropriations—Gorman, of Maryland.

Inter-Oceanic Canals—Simmons, of North Carolina.

Military Affairs—Three vacancies—Foster, of Louisiana; Overman, of North Carolina and Taliaferro, of Florida.

Finance—Taliaferro, of Florida, in place of Gorman.

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BODY OF R. KEITH DARGAN.

South Carolina Court Refuses to Order Its Disinterment.

By Wire to The Morning Star.

Cheraw, S. C., Dec. 16.—Judge Watts today refused to order the body of Robert Keith Dargan exhumed, the application having been made by representatives of an insurance company against which the family of Dargan holds a policy of $25,000 and which remains unpaid by the effect of persistent rumor to the effect that Dargan is not dead. The application was resisted by counsel for the coroner of Darlington. Judge Watts stated that were the solicitor of this circuit moving for such an order, he would be inclined to listen to him, but that he would not listen to private parties asking for such an order. Judge Watts intimated that he believed morbid curiosity had a great deal to do with the proceedings today and that there was no valid grounds for the result.

The matter brings into general notice again the tragic story of Dargan's suicide by taking carbolic acid in the presence of his brother, shortly after the discovery of the insolvency of the Independent Oil Mills and Darlington Trust Company.

The application for the body to be exhumed was by certain policyholders of the Fidelity Mutual Insurance Co., of Philadelphia; Dargan carried only $40,000 insurance at the time of his death. The entire amount was held in two companies, $15,000 and $25,000, in the Equitable of New York and the Fidelity Mutual of Philadelphia, respectively. Of the amounts $5,000 goes to his daughter, $25,000 to his wife and $10,000 to his estate.

The Fidelity Mutual has persistently refused to pay the $25,000 to the wife of the insured on the ground that there was no satisfactory proof of the death of Dargan. Attorneys for the company argued that the inquest was improperly held, while those for the coroner held that it was properly conducted. Considerable interest was centered in the decision of the case. The Equitable has already paid its policy on the life of Mr. Dragan after an investigation last August.

HEARST IS HARD FIGHTER.

Plan to Carry Contest to New York Legislature.

By Wire to The Morning Star

New York, Dec. 16.—A plan forcing a recount of the votes in the fight of William R. Hearst against the re-election of Mayor McClellan is announced by Clarence J. Shearn, Mr. Hearst personal counsel.

"We shall have a bill introduced in the legislature providing for a recount of all the ballots cast in the election in the county," says Mr. Shearn. "It will not be in the form of an amendement to the election law, which would be retroactive, but it will provide for the re-opening of all the ballot boxes for a re-count, in view of the evidence obtained that there was fraud in the count.

The re-count will be for discovering the extent of the fraud, not for correcting the extent of the fraud. Not for correcting the returns which have been canvassed, but we can make use of the information obtained by the recount later in quo warranto proceedings to oust the mayor from his office."

This action, he said, will not take the place of the present court proceedings which will be continued.

STATE REPUBLICAN AFFAIRS.

Interesting Interview With Major Grant Back from Washington.

Special Star Correspondence.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 16.—Major H. L. Grant, clerk of the United States district and circuit courts here, is just back from Washington where he went to go before President Roosevelt with Congressman Spencer Blackburn and a party of twenty-odd of his most prominent Republican followers in the fight that is on in North Carolina Republican ranks. He says the President insisted that Republican leaders in North Carolina must get together; that he could not undertake to decide as between a dozen different candidates. Congressman Blackburn was assured that he, as the only Republican member from this State, will be consulted as to North Carolina appointments and he should control his district absolutely. He was assured that C. L. Wagoner, of Statesville, Congressman Blackburn's candidate will be appointed collector of internal revenue for the Western district to succeed Harkins. The President declared that the civil suit brought by H. S. Anderson against State Republican Chairman Rollins and three other Republican leaders for the nonfulfillment of a signed promise to secure his appointment to a lucrative position in scandalous on the State organization. Major Grant is much pleased with the result of the trip. He is president of the "Tar Heel" Publishing Co., the paper started at Greensboro by Congressman Blackburn in opposition to the Daily Industrial News, the new Republican State paper.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Transfers Which Appear From Deeds Filed for Record Yesterday.

From deeds filed for record yesterday, the following real estate transfers appear:

George Harriss and wife and A. J. Marshall and wife to the Suburban Land Company for $10 and other considerations, property beginning at the southwest corner of the bridge of the Wilmington and Coast Turnpike Co., over the western prong of Bradley's creek and running along the south side of the road, containing 107.9 acres.

Mary E. McFarlane to S. Sternberger, Jr. and Julius Sternberger, for $10 and other considerations, property on east side of Front, 64 feet south of Red Cross street, 66 1-2 by 140 feet in size.

LOCAL PORT PARAGRAPHS.

Two Tramp Steamers Arrive—Clyde Liner for New York.

The Clyde Liner New York cleared early yesterday afternoon for New York.

The British steamer Cairndon, 1,732 tons, Capt. Askby, arrived yesterday from Hamburg, Germany, with cargo of fertilizer constituents for local consignees.

The British steamer Brighton, 2,273 tons, Capt. Kragh, arrived yesterday from Shield's for cargo of cotton from Messrs. Alexander Sprunt & Son.

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W. B. BARKER.

Jonesville, N. C., Sept. 8, 1904.

Send names and addresses of those who may be benefitted to the Keeley Institute, Greensboro, N. C.,

HYDE WILL MOVE TO PARIS.

Insurance Magnate Evidently Got Enough of America.

By Wire to The Morning Star.

New York, Dec. 16.—With all business ties severed and assured that there will be no further call for him by the insurance investigation committee, J. H. Hyde, will sail for France on the Touraine on December 28th to make him home in Paris, says the Herald. In his house No. 9 East Fortieth street, the household goods, heirlooms, and art treasures he has retained are being packed to go with him. The house itself is for sale, Mr. Hyde since his boyhood, has been a great admirer of the French language, history and customs. He owns a beautiful home in the avenue Henri Martin, and there he will take up his residence. He has been decorated by the French government and has been received by President Loubet. Mr. Hyde's decision to live in Paris, and the date for sailing have been very carefully guarded. No one but his mother, his sister, Mrs. Sidney Dillon Ripley, and his most intimate friends knew of it.

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